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NATIONWIDE HPV DRIVE FOR U-14 GIRLS TO PREVENT CERVICAL CANCER

In a major step towards eliminating preventable cancers among women, the govt will soon launch a human papillomavirus vaccination programme

IT'S IN LINE WITH WHO'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The programme directed at girls under 14 years of age, will use a single-shot Gardasil, a quadrivalent HPV vaccine that provides protection against HPV types 16 and 18, which cause cervical cancer, as well as types 6 and 11. It is in line with WHO recommendations, which identify HPV vaccination as a central pillar of the Global Strategy to Eliminate Cervical Cancer | **P11**

3 DOSES OF GARDASIL FOR GIRLS ABOVE 15

- It would be a special vaccination campaign but not under the Union government's Universal Immunisation Programme, sources said
- HPV vaccine offers maximum benefit for girls under 14, which is well before potential exposure to the virus. For those above 15, three doses of the shot are required. Gardasil-4 is manufactured by MSD India

₹3,927

COST OF TWO-DOSE GARDASIL-4 VACCINE IN THE OPEN MARKET

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IAF looks at parallel Russian upgrade as Super Sukhoi awaits nod

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

EVEN as the Indian Air Force's plan to upgrade 84 Su-30MKI fighters under the Super Sukhoi programme awaits clearance from the Cabinet Committee on Security, the service is eyeing a parallel upgrade of a similar or larger number of aircraft with Russia to sustain operational readiness, sources in the defence and security establishment said.

This step comes as India moves towards formalising the procurement of a fifth-generation stealth fighter, with Russia's Su-57 emerging as a leading contender.

A Russian team has recently visited Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's Nashik facility, signalling deeper engagement between the two sides.

The parallel engagement with Moscow is intended to offset long execution timelines associated with the HAL-led upgrade, which is expected to take at least seven years once it receives approval. There are concerns within the establishment about whether the projected timeline for Final Operational Clearance can be met.

"Relying solely on the indigenous upgrade could push timelines well into the next decade. A parallel track is therefore being considered to ensure operational readiness is not affected," a source said.

The source added, "Moreover, with the Super Sukhoi upgrade limited to 84 aircraft, a parallel route is needed for the remaining Su-30MKI fleet of around 175 aircraft."

The proposed Russian track is expected to focus on strengthening the aircraft's electronic warfare suite and radar. Moscow has also offered the more powerful AL-41 engines to replace the current AL-31s, and the IAF is evaluating the proposal.

Once negotiations between the two countries are completed, a separate proposal will be taken up for Acceptance of Necessity by the Defence Ministry. This will mark the first formal step in the procurement process, followed by commercial negotiations and finalisation of the contract.

"The approach is likely to mirror the MiG-21 Bison upgrade model, with parallel roles for Indian and Russian agencies. The idea is to address the squadron crunch and avoid a capability gap, especially as the IAF looks to maintain adequate 4.5-generation capability amid a potential two-front threat," the source explained.

Under the homegrown upgrade programme, HAL, in partnership with DRDO, will lead the modernisation. It will centre on Virupaksha AESA radar and an upgraded avionics suite.

The aircraft will carry Brahmos-ER cruise missiles, Astra beyond-visual-range air-to-air missiles and Rudram anti-radiation missiles.

HC raps Ranveer, bars cops from coercive steps

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

"IF you (Ranveer Singh) are a superstar, no worry... but you can't be loose-tongued at all..." the Karnataka High Court observed orally, before directing the state police not to take coercive steps against the Bollywood actor, provided he cooperates with the investigation till Monday, the next date of hearing.

Ranveer Singh was booked based on a complaint registered on January 28 by city-based advocate Prashanth Methal for allegedly hurting religious sentiments by mimicking the sacred Daiva tradition depicted in the Kannada movie Kantara Chapter 1, during the closing ceremony of the International Film Festival of India, on November 28, 2025, in Goa. He had allegedly mocked the Daiva tradition on stage by imitating the Daiva's divine expressions and referring to Daiva as a "female ghost".

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order after hearing senior counsel Sajan Poovayya, representing Singh, counsel for the complainant and state police.

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EXPRESS READ

Policy for fly-taxi will be examined: MB Patil

Bengaluru: State Minister for Large and Medium Industries MB Patil on Tuesday said the government will examine the need to formulate a policy to introduce 'fly-taxi' services in Karnataka. Industrialists have suggested introducing the services in Karnataka through a suitable policy framework, and "this will be examined seriously", he said. **P4**

BJP supports protest by job aspirants

Dharwad: Declaring support for the protest by job aspirants in Dharwad, BJP leaders including Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, R Ashoka and Arvind Bellad called upon the agitators to plan a padayatra to Bengaluru, and assured them that their issue would be discussed in the upcoming Budget session, starting March 6. **P4**

THE KERALAM STORY GETS CABINET'S NOD

Decision to change name comes ahead of Assembly poll

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday cleared the Kerala government's proposal to rename the state as Keralam. The move comes ahead of the Assembly elections in Kerala, expected in April or May.

The decision was taken following a resolution passed by the Kerala Assembly in 2024 and forwarded to the Centre. It noted that the state is called 'Keralam' in Malayalam, while it has been officially listed as 'Kerala' in the First Schedule of the Constitution.

Explaining the process, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said it would now be forwarded to the President. The President will then refer it back to the Kerala Legislative Assembly for its views and formal passage. Thereafter, with President's approval, the proposal will return to the Centre, and Parliament will take up the constitutional amendment to effect the name change.

Officials noted that while Article 3 grants Parliament the authority to change a state's name through legislation, the process includes specific safeguards. A Bill for such a change can't be introduced in either House of Parliament without President's recommendation. If the proposal affects a state's name or boundaries, the President must first seek the views of the state legislature within a stipulated time frame.

Historical roots

In Malayalam, the state is called 'Keralam', a form rooted in Dravidian linguistic tradition, ancient political history, and early historical records including the inscriptions of Emperor Ashoka

The name 'Keralam' will manifest the state's heritage with all its authenticity and uphold its pride

Home Minister Amit Shah

The proposal to rename Kerala was examined by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs. Following approval from Home Minister Amit Shah, a draft Cabinet note was circulated to the Department of Legal Affairs and the Legislative Department for their expert opinion. Both departments, functioning under the Ministry of Law and Justice, concurred with the proposal, paving the way for the next constitutional steps in the renaming process

The resolution adopted by the Kerala Assembly underscored the cultural and linguistic basis for the demand for name change. It also highlighted that since the days of the freedom struggle, there has been a sustained demand for a united Kerala for Malayalam-speaking people.

Tata Sons board bid to hand Chandra a third term runs into Noel trouble

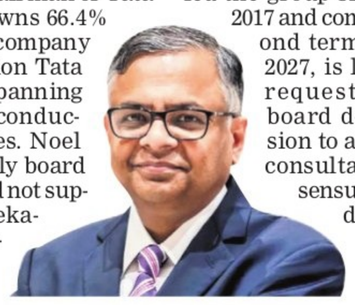
Voting put off

Sources said Chandrasekaran himself proposed deferring the vote on his re-appointment saying an institution of Tata Group's stature can function effectively only if Tata Sons and Tata Trusts are aligned in decision-making

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

IN a new twist to the Tata Group's power struggle, the board of Tata Sons on Tuesday deferred a decision on granting a third term to chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran.

According to informed sources, the move follows objections by Noel Tata, chairman of Tata Trusts which owns 66.4% of the holding company of the $120-billion Tata conglomerate spanning software, semiconductors and airlines. Noel Tata was the only board member who did not support Chandrasekaran's reappointment, while the remaining directors backed a third term.



Typically, Tata Sons' shareholders and board approve the appointment or reappointment of a chairman one year in advance to ensure stability and continuity, or to provide sufficient time for a new leader to settle in and chart strategy.

Chandrasekaran, 62, who has led the group since February 2017 and completes his second term in February 2027, is learnt to have requested that the board defer the decision to allow for wider consultation and consensus following the differences.

The development is seen as unusual, given that the trusts he works with closely had greenlighted another term for him as far back as October 2025. If the third term is approved, the board would need to amend a clause that sets the retirement age for top executives at 65. Another term would have seen Chandrasekaran complete his tenure in 2032 at the age of 69.

Noel Tata is learnt to have set four conditions for supporting the reappointment. First, Tata Sons should not pursue listing. Second, the company should remain debt-free. Third, its coffers should not be strained by excessive capital expenditure in high-risk ventures. And fourth, deep losses from acquisitions such as Air India and BigBasket must be contained.

The equation for T20 WC semifinal qualification

With two matches to go in the Super 8s, a look at different scenarios for India to qualify..

Scenario 1

South Africa beat West Indies and India to win against Zimbabwe and WI — India and SA qualify

Scenario 2

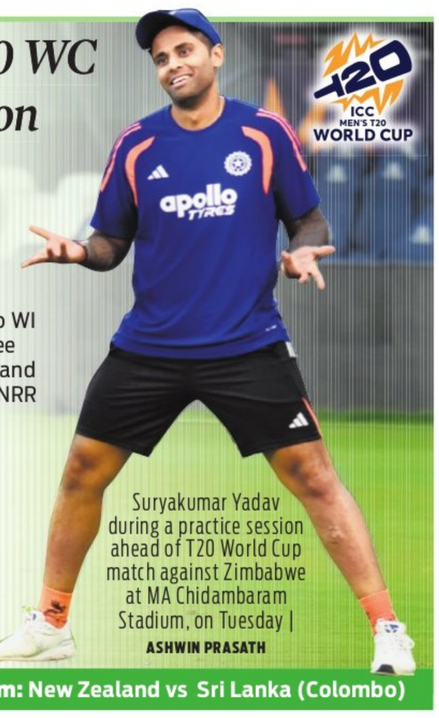
South Africa lose to WI and Zimbabwe; India beat WI and Zimbabwe — WI and India qualify

Scenario 3

SA lose to WI and Zim, India beat Zimbabwe but lose to WI — WI go through, three teams on two points and it will come down to NRR

Scenario 4

SA beat WI and Zim, India lose to Zim but beat WI — SA go through, other three teams on two points and will come down to NRR



Suryakumar Yadav during a practice session ahead of T20 World Cup match against Zimbabwe at MA Chidambaram Stadium, on Tuesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

HIT-WAVE

Today's Match 7pm: New Zealand vs Sri Lanka (Colombo)

'ANTI-NATIONAL' EVENT

ABVP resorts to vandalism at Azim Premji University

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

TENSION prevailed at Azim Premji University in Sarjapur after members of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) staged a protest in front of the university entrance and stormed into the campus, alleging that the institution had hosted an "anti-national" programme on Tuesday evening.

The protest was against a programme allegedly held to discuss the 1991 Kunan Poshpora incident, which pertains to allegations of mass rape and assault against Kashmiri women by Indian soldiers. The university, however, said that no such event was held on its campus.

After ABVP activists allegedly resorted to vandalism, police took several activists into custody. According to ABVP, an organisation named SPARK, reportedly sponsored by the All India Students' Association (AISA), conducted the programme at Azim Premji University.

During the demonstration, ABVP activists raised slogans against the university, displayed placards and the Tricolour, and smeared black ink on the university's name board as a mark of protest.

The agitation later escalated as some activists allegedly attempted to enter the university campus.

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CRASHLANDING

The wreckage of a Pawan Hans helicopter that crashed into the sea 300 metres away from its scheduled landing place at Mayabunder helipad in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands on Tuesday. All seven on board were safely rescued | **PTI**

SC allows deployment of judges from J'khand, Odisha for Bengal SIR

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday expanded the pool of judicial manpower to conduct the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in West Bengal, allowing Calcutta High Court Chief Justice Sujoy Paul to deploy additional civil judges, over and above the 250 district judges who are already on the job.

It also opened a window to requisition judicial officers from Jharkhand and Odisha to participate in the exercise.

Calcutta HC Chief Justice Sujoy Paul had on February 22 written to Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant that even if one judicial officer decides 250 matters a day, it will take at least 80 days to complete the SIR in West Bengal. He said that there were around 50 lakh cases of logical discrepancy/unmapped categories to be decided in the state.

If Aadhaar has been fraudulently procured on an industrial scale, then it requires to be statutorily regulated. RP Act was amended, and Aadhaar brought in to prove identity

- Supreme Court

The bench led by CJI Kant said, "If the CJ of Calcutta HC is of the opinion that further human resources would be required, he is at liberty to approach the CJs of Orissa and Jharkhand High Courts for serving and former judicial officers from those states, who shall then undertake the pending exercise."

The last date of publication of the final electoral roll is February 28. "If the verification exercise undertaken in respect of logical discrepancies/unmapped remains incomplete, the ECI may publish the final list on February 28, followed by supplement lists," the court said.

Invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 142, the court declared that voters enlisted in such subsequent supplementary lists shall be deemed to have been part of the final list to be published on February 28.

Minors kill 15-year-old in clash over cricket match

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Shivamogga

A 15-year-old Class 10 student was killed near Soolebailu in Shiovamogga district on Monday evening after he allegedly tried to intervene in a quarrel among a group of minors in connection with a cricket match, police said.

The deceased has been identified as **Sanketh**. Superintendent of Police Nikhil B said a friend of Sanketh was recently involved in a scuffle with another group of minors while playing cricket. On Monday evening, the group confronted Sanketh's friend again. Sanketh reportedly stepped in to mediate, but the group turned on him. He is collapsed after the assault and one of the boys alerted his parents. He was rushed to a nearby hospital where doctors declared him dead, the SP said.

The police have detained seven minors and are questioning them. Security has been tightened in and around the area to prevent any backlash, with relatives and local residents demanding justice.

Shivamogga BJP MLA SN Channabasappa met the grieving family at the hospital. On Tuesday, former deputy chief minister KS Eshwarappa also visited the family and expressed his condolences. Some local Muslim leaders also met the parents of the boy and expressed their condolences.

A case has been registered at Tunga Nagar police station in this regard. The last rites of the boy have been performed.

Govt declares Rs 15 lakh compensation

Shivamogga Deputy Commissioner Prabhuling Kavalikatti said the government has announced Rs 15 lakh compensation to the bereaved family. Of this, Rs 10 lakh will be released from the CM's Relief Fund and Rs 5 lakh will be given by the education department. Another boy who was injured in the clash will also be compensated, he said.

ALMANAC TODAY
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• Nakshatra: Rohini 2.05 pm • Moon in Moon in Mithuna Rashi • Rahukaala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm
• Gulikakala: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • Yamaganda: 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER
MIN 18°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST: Broken clouds

Sunrise 06.37 am
Sunset 06.27 pm
Moonrise 12.57 am
Moonset 12.32 pm

Unopened RUB in Babusapalya now a garbage dump

The underpass built by SWR and BBMP was meant to replace a railway level crossing

INDRA S @ Bengaluru

EVEN as the authorities are trying to eliminate railway level crossings in the city, the "almost complete" road under bridge (RUB) in Babusapalya, which falls under the Bengaluru East City Corporation, stands as a testimony of poor infrastructure planning and has turned into a garbage dumping yard.

The RUB, constructed jointly by the South Western Railways (SWR) and the erstwhile BBMP, was intended to replace a level crossing and ease congestion on the road leading to the Outer Ring Road and Horamavu Agara. The structure, almost complete, remains unusable owing to the absence of an approach road on one side.

Local residents allege that flawed planning and poor coordination rendered the project ineffective. "Originally, the Babusapalya Road near the LC was marked for widening. Had that happened, a road overbridge could have been built instead of this underpass with sharp turns," said Varkey Thomas, a long-time resident of the locality. He said notices were issued years ago and markings were done, but the road widening project never took off.

Instead, authorities opted for a U-turn "magic box" underpass, with foundation work beginning in December 2022. However, it was only after the construction work was done that the officials realised large vehicles could not navigate the turns. Proposals were made to acquire small portions of adjacent properties to widen and facilitate turns, but residents say no formal acquisition notices were served.

Garbage dumped near the entrance of the RUB in Babusapalaya | EXPRESS

Proper planning or a feasibility study was not done. The RUB now remains unopened, with authorities shifting the blame on to the Railways

Shrikanth, secretary, Mallappa Layout Residents Welfare Association

Shrikanth, the secretary of Mallappa Layout Residents Welfare Association, said repeated representations made to the erstwhile BBMP proved futile. "Proper planning or a feasibility study was not done. The RUB now remains unopened, with authorities shifting the blame on to the Railways," he said.

With no access road and no clear timeline for commissioning, the unused structure has deteriorated, Shrikanth said, adding, "Garbage is dumped on both sides of the structure and even burnt daily, raising health concerns."

Prannab Pani, another local resident, echoed concerns over sanitation and safety, alleging that waste burning and illegal activities were thriving along the stretch.

APU students write to CM, demand RSS, ABVP ban

Activists seek action against university, AISA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING vandalism at Azim Premji University (APU), students have written to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to ban the RSS and take action against the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), besides ensuring protection to students and faculty to hold democratic gatherings on the campus.

"We call upon all democratic forces, civil society organisations, student groups, women's movements and citizens to stand in solidarity with the students," the letter read.

It further stated, "Members of ABVP forcibly entered the campus and vandalised property. The attack was organised to silence a discussion organised by students that sought to centre the voices of Kashmiri women and reflect on questions of justice, memory and accountability. Instead, what unfolded was an alarming attack on academic freedom and democratic dissent. ABVP members also beat up a student and intimidate organisers and participants. They raised slogans calling the students anti-national. The student who was beaten up was shifted to hospital and has lodged an FIR against ABVP."

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SOME of the students raised slogans against ABVP activists when the police took them in custody. The agitators alleged that they were being taken into custody by the police while letting free those who assaulted them. However, the police clarified that no assault took place. Meanwhile, messages circulated on the university community's WhatsApp groups alerted students about the protest outside the campus and requested them to remain indoors and avoid engaging with anyone outside. In a memorandum addressed to the Union Home Ministry, the ABVP demanded strict action against All India Students' Association (AISA), which was allegedly involved in conducting the programme, and called for an inquiry into the incident. The group also sought action against the university administration for allegedly permitting such events on campus.

Bengaluru Rural District SP Chandrakanth MV said 18 ABVP members were taken into preventive custody and that the situation was brought under control.

In the statement, the university said, "Today (Feb 24th) evening around 6 pm, a group of 20 people forced their way into our (Azim Premji University) campus in Bangalore. They shouted slogans, vandalised some of the property, and assaulted a few of our security guards and students. We reported the incident immediately to the local police station. The police acted swiftly and rounded them up."

KOGILU RAZING

Complaint filed against GBA officials, top cop

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A private complaint was filed against Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao, Bengaluru Rural Deputy Commissioner Basavaraj AB, City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh and two others before the 7th ACJM Court in connection with the demolition drive carried out at Kogilu Layout in Yelahanka on December 20, 2025, in which more than 300 houses were razed. The court has sought a report from the chief secretary.

Advocate Umapathi S filed the complaint against Rao, Singh, North City Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management CEO Karigowda, and Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner Jagadish.

Umapathi alleged that the senior officials had violated Supreme Court guidelines on demolitions. He claimed the officers did not issue notices to residents of Kogilu before carrying out the demolition and alleged that it was illegal.

UP IN FLAMES

Nearly 30 seized vehicles parked next to Banaswadi police station in Bengaluru were gutted in a fire that broke out on Tuesday | EXPRESS

BNCC instals signboards at 70 stray feeding spots

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) has installed signboards at 70 designated street dog feeding spots to regulate and ensure humane feeding practices. Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar said the move aligns with Supreme Court guidelines and the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules.

Kumar said the initiative seeks to streamline street dog feeding while preventing inconvenience to the public. "The objective is to ensure humane management of street dogs without compromising cleanliness and public safety," he said.

The measure has been implemented in accordance with Supreme Court guidelines, the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and the Animal Birth Control Rules.

Officials from the corporation's Animal Welfare Division said the locations were finalised in coordination with ward-level officers, local feeders, veterinary staff and the Animal Husbandry Department.

The signboards list specific instructions: feeding is permitted only at designated locations and must not take place on main roads or near hospitals, schools or crowded public areas. Individuals feeding dogs must maintain cleanliness after feeding. The boards also reiterate that harming or harassing dogs is illegal and that feeding must be carried out in a disciplined manner, ensuring public safety.

iQOO 15R debuts with flagship chip, 7,600mAh battery aimed at youths

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

SMARTPHONE brand iQOO on Tuesday launched the iQOO 15R, targeting young professionals who frequently switch between work, gaming and entertainment.

The phone combines flagship performance, long-lasting battery life and immersive visuals on a 6.59-inch display designed for comfortable one-hand use. It is powered by the Snapdragon 8 Gen 5 chipset and packs iQOO's biggest battery yet in a slim 7.90mm design.

The device is priced at Rs 44,999 for the 8GB+256GB variant, Rs 47,999 for the 12GB+256GB variant, and Rs 52,999 for the 12GB+512GB variant. It is available in two colour options, Triumph Silver and Dark Knight. Pre-bookings begin on February 24.

iQOO CEO Nipun Marya said, "With the iQOO 15R, we are focused on redefining how flagship performance is experienced in everyday scenarios, especially for young professionals. By integrating the Snapdragon 8 Gen 5 with our biggest battery yet, we have built a device that delivers consistent, sustained performance throughout the day."

Tanmay Shah, category leader at the company, added, "The iQOO 15R packs a massive 7,600mAh battery in an ultra-slim 7.90mm design. It also comes with a bank discount of Rs 4,000 along with free iQOO TWS 1e, making it a power-packed deal for our customers."

EXPRESS READ

No Cauvery water for 24 hrs from Feb 26

Bengaluru: Cauvery Water supply will be disrupted for 24 hours in several parts of the city from 6 am on February 26 to 6 am on February 27 due to installation of EMF metres near the Gottigere reservoir under the Cauvery Stage V project. Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) said that the disruption is due to the temporary shutdown of pumping machinery as part of the Cauvery Water Supply Scheme works. Areas likely to be affected include Whitefield, Nellurahalli, Siddapura, Nagondanahalli, Ramagondanahalli, Channasandra, Hoodi, Garudacharpalya, Doddanekundi, Munnekolalu, Kumaraswamy Layout, Poornaprajna Layout, Banashankari, Kollahalli, Anjanapura, Gottigere, Begur, Kodichikkanahalli, Kudlu, Kadugodi and surrounding localities. BWSSB Chairman V Ram Prasath Manohar urged residents in the affected areas to store sufficient water in advance to avoid inconvenience. **ENS**

Canara Bank to raise Rs 5k cr via Tier-2 bonds

Bengaluru: Canara Bank on Monday announced plans to tap the Tier 2 bond market, launching a Rs 5,000 crore issue to strengthen its capital base and support future growth. The issue is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, on the Electronic Bidding Platform of the National Stock Exchange. The bank plans to raise Rs 5,000 crore through Basel III-compliant Tier 2 bonds. The proposed fundraising includes a base issue of Rs 2,000 crore and a green shoe option of up to Rs 3,000 crore, allowing the bank to respond to strong investor demand. **ENS**

KKS launches AI learning platform

Bengaluru: Krupa Knowledge Store (KKS), on Monday, officially launched its AI-powered learning platform, Simple Lecture. Prof Asfiya Afzal introduced the platform, outlining its vision, mission and AI-driven capabilities. She highlighted its user-friendly interface and ability to simplify complex concepts while creating personalised learning experiences for students. Ensuring inclusivity, Prof Rama Krishna presented a product overview, communicating the platform's benefits to the regional audience. D Kupendra Reddy, entrepreneur and former Member of Rajya Sabha, underscored the importance of quality education in shaping future generations. He stressed the need for accessible, technology-enabled learning solutions to bridge gaps in traditional education systems. Filmmaker Yogaraj Bhat spoke about the intersection of creativity, technology and education, noting how innovation can redefine learning experiences. **ENS**

CMTI hosts meet on advanced manufacturing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India and the Ministry of Heavy Industries organised a stakeholder consultation meeting at the Central Manufacturing Technology Institute (CMTI) in Bengaluru on February 23. The meeting was held to discuss the particulars of an "advanced manufacturing strategy" for the country.

Around 220 stakeholders across the union government, private industries, MSMEs, startups, academia, and research institutions gathered for the meeting.

The discussions was on areas like Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machine tools and controllers, advanced machines, testing and metrology infrastructure, robotics, and advanced additive manufacturing. Collaborative R&D projects, budgets, timelines, and risk mitigation measures were also discussed.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

25th February: Mercury Retrograde The turn of Mercury brings an awareness of shifting contexts, nuanced meanings and timely semiotics. Communication skills require constant updates, as the times never stop a-changin'. What falls into the category? Language, certainly, but also fashion, music, hairstyles and more, all communicating something about identity, culture and ideology.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It is not worth spending time fixing problems that you will not even have once you do things correctly from the beginning. A do-over is your new teacher. A different recipe, plan or relationship has great potential.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Stars encourage an active expansion of your social circle. Listening to different voices keeps you from getting stuck in your own head or in a single narrative. Uplifting relationships balance your perspective and mood.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
You're getting validation, and it feels good. The feedback is positive, the responses are what you aimed for, and the outcome is what you'd hoped. Now ask, does it actually solve the problem? And what's the responsible next move?

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Most people are too focused on their own journey to judge yours, and that's a good thing. The ones who care will be supportive. So there's no need to overpolice your every step. Do it like nobody's watching.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
You'll be in a position to take charge. For you, leadership is cultivation. You want to help others, not control them or make them dependent on you. You'll clear a path, show the way and teach what you know.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
You play many roles: friend, worker, helper, leader and partner. Each one asks for certain behaviors, but none of them captures your whole self. They're expressions, not definitions. A role is something you do, not someone you are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
The option on the table today is not the only one that will be offered and taking it could alter your course. Things may work on paper, but that doesn't mean they really fit. The ideal arrangement? Try before you buy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Don't bend for someone who will take advantage of your good nature. You can show said good nature by good-naturedly saying, "Ha! No way." It's the swift timing, lightness and the gleam in your eye that sells it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
The stressful situation will pass, the problem will be solved and the transaction finalized. It's all coming together very soon, too, so proceed as though you know this is going your way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Today's issue is a snowball rolling down a mountain. You might be able to stop it at the top while it's tiny, but once it gets near the bottom, it's a fast-moving, giant wrecking ball.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Talent plus merit is the golden ticket. But if you could only choose one, merit always wins out. With work, the job is learned. The real talent is a desire to put in the work it takes to be good.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
You do have high expectations today, but it's appropriate because you are ready for the challenge. You've done the preparation, and now it's just a matter of surrendering to action. You can trust yourself, and the universe, implicitly.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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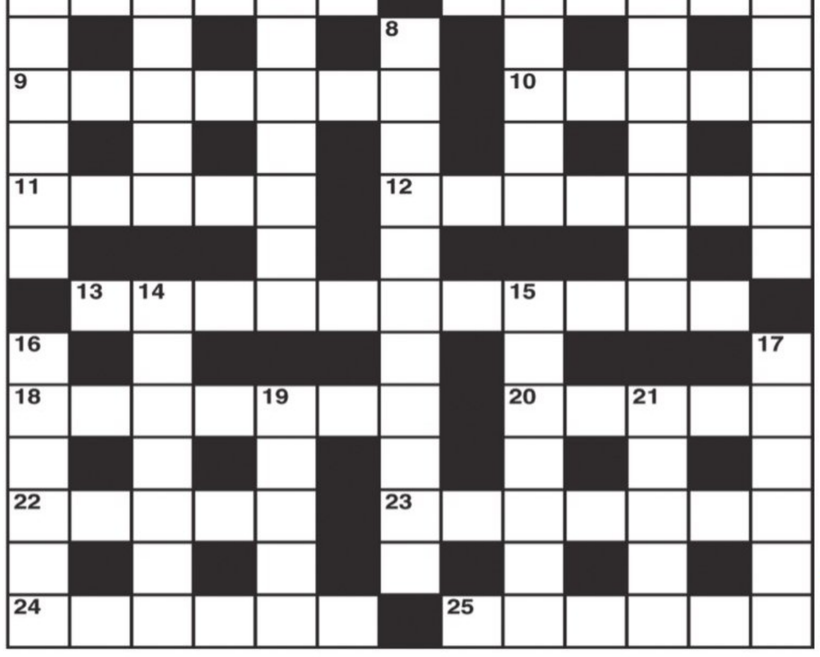
TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Rises for many members (6)
4 A summary of prices (6)
9 Great at ordering meeting between banks perhaps (7)
10 Ron for example may be beyond help (5)
11 A loyal subject in Belgium (5)
12 Mouthful of water? (7)
13 One of four relatively speaking (11)
18 All thin construction workers build one (7)
20 Trendsetter in wild caper (5)
22 Charmer whose guests made pigs of themselves (5)
23 I meant having a change to liven things up (7)
24 It's used for pounding with a mortar (6)
25 Something like a rush on silver is accepted (6)

DOWN
1 The never-ending round (6)
2 Cosy feature of a mountain glen (5)
3 Bird from the frozen north (7)
5 Just as normal as rain (5)
6 Order I cannot enclose (7)
7 Request to be put on board jets (6)
8 Provide food and support for a lover of greens (11)
14 Lab equipment used to provide the answers (7)
15 Form of sound insulation for playing pop music (7)
16 Officer assisting general in plan that's crazy (6)
17 It's half-day closing pal! (6)
19 Conception many find immaculate (5)
21 A case that can never be completely closed (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Exhaust, 5 Armed, 8 No great shakes, 9 Steer, 10 Auditor, 11 Catchy, 12 Recipe, 15 Haimet, 17 Aegis, 19 Budding author, 20 Three, 21 Dreamed.

Down: 1 Emes, 2 Highest bidder, 3 Unearth, 4 Titian, 5 Ached, 6 Make things hum, 7 Deserve, 11 Cohabit, 13 Erasure, 14 Staged, 16 Noise, 18 Shred.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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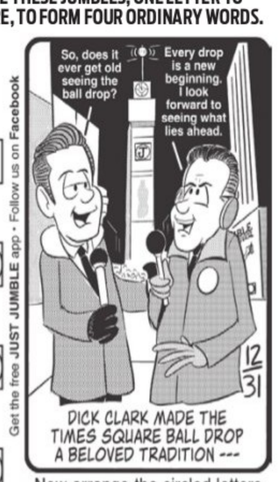
So, does it ever get old seeing the ball drop?
Every drop is a new beginning. I look forward to seeing what lies ahead.
12/31
DICK CLARK MADE THE TIMES SQUARE BALL DROP A BELOVED TRADITION ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BLUFF POOCH DECENT POLLEN
Answer: The dogs thought digging up the yard was a — "HOLE" LOT OF FUN

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka on Tuesday said that the people of the Karnataka are waiting for their turn to teach Congress a lesson and it will resonate in results of the forth coming elections to the various bodies in Karnataka

FOR HONKING...

Youth arrested for assaulting senior citizen

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A youth has been arrested for allegedly assaulting a 65-year-old man on RR Layout Road in the city after an argument over honking.

The victim has been identified as D Nanjundappa of Vinayaka Layout in Nagadevanahalli. The accused has been identified as Naveen of Nagadevanahalli.

The incident happened between 5.50 pm and 6.10 pm on Saturday in front of the accused's house.

Naveen, who was driving his car, started honking to alert the motorcyclists who had parked their vehicles in front of his house. Assuming that he was blocking the road, Nanjundappa, who was walking in front of the accused's house, moved aside. When Naveen kept honking, Nanjundappa told him that the stretch was wide enough for his vehicle to go. Soon, an argument broke out between them when Nanjundappa advised Naveen to proceed further.

Naveen, who got out of his car, allegedly started abusing Nanjundappa even as he kept walking on the footpath. Naveen followed him in his car for a few metres where he got out of his vehicle and allegedly assaulted Nanjundappa.

Based on a complaint from Nanjundappa, Kengeri police arrested Naveen. "The police, who checked the CCTVs in the vicinity, found the accused assaulting Nanjundappa for no fault of his. Despite Naveen's parents trying to stop him, he pushed them aside and assaulted Nanjundappa," said the police.

Cybercrime police raid call centre, arrest two on cheating charges

They lured people claiming they could provide big profits if they invested in stock market

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CYBERCRIME police of Central division raided a call centre in Jayanagar 9th Block in the city and arrested two persons for cheating the public by claiming they could provide big profits if they invested in the stock market.

The accused lured people through calls and induced them to transfer money online. The accused had hired around 15 out-of-state customer care executives for work.

These executives operated from the call centre.

After the complaint was registered at the Cyber Crime Police Station, a raid was conducted on Multiwave Business Solutions Private Limited in Jayanagar 9th Block, and the two accused, identified as A Kumawat Yogesh Amararam, a resident of Jayanagar 8th Block and native of Gujarat, and Y Imran, a resident of BTM Layout 2nd Stage and native of Delhi, were arrested.

"The accused had hired around 15 out-of-state customer care executives who operated from the fake call centre setup and made calls to members of the public, convincing them they would earn profits if they invested in the stock market. Believing this, the public responded positively. The accused provided a bank account, and under the pretext of investment, got money transferred online. After receiving the money, they would switch off their mobile phones," a press note from Karnataka State Cyber Command said.

"The location of the call received by the complainant was traced to BTM Layout. The IMEI number of the mobile phone in which the SIM was used was identified. Thereafter, the Google email ID linked to that IMEI was traced. The Gmail ID was found to belong to Kumawat. Based on the mobile location, the accused was traced and it was found that he was operating a fake call centre in 9th Block Jayanagar," the press note said.

During the raid, 31 mobile phones, 13 laptops, 16 SIM cards and other valuables were recovered. Further, money cheated from the public was transferred to several fake/mule bank accounts and withdrawn through ATMs by their associates. The withdrawn money was shared among themselves.

STAR-STRUCK!

Young cricket fans take autograph of Karnataka star Mayank Agarwal on Day 1 of the Ranji Trophy final between Karnataka and Jammu and Kashmir, at the KSCA Ground in Hubballi on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Flag incident: Karnataka HC quashes proceedings against school principal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE High Court of Karnataka has quashed the proceedings against a principal of a government high school, who was booked after a student posted his (principal's) edited picture standing on the national flag wearing slippers on his WhatsApp status on the day of Gandhi Jayanti.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order on February 21, allowing a petition by Venugopal BC, principal of the Government High School, Nagasandra, questioning the legality of the case registered against him by the president of the human rights protection committee on October 5, 2024.

In his complaint with Bagalagunte police, the committee president sought action against the principal under Section 2 of the Prevention of Insult to the National Honours Act, 1971, for showing disrespect to the national flag.

Comparing the two pictures, the original and the edited one, the judge said it becomes clear that a picture of the petitioner taken elsewhere has been edited and placed on the national flag. It ostensibly cannot be by the petitioner himself, but as admitted by the student.

On October 2, 2024, during an event to mark Gandhi Jayanthi at the school, the petitioner's WhatsApp status showed him standing on the national flag wearing slippers.

The petitioner's counsel submitted that the mobile phone of the petitioner was with his students who had edited the picture and posted it on his WhatsApp status. He had no intention of insulting the flag and had no knowledge of what was being circulated by his students.

The student, who had allegedly edited the principal's picture, gave a written apology after the incident came to light.

CRIME PATROL

Bank theft bid solved, accused arrested

BENGALURU: Central division police arrested a 36-year-old man from VV Giri Colony for attempted theft at Canara Bank's Seshadripuram branch, and another ATM kiosk in Halasuru Gate police station limits. The accused Hasan Abdul Sab is from Dharwad. Five police teams were formed to arrest the accused. A futile theft attempt was made at the branch in Kumara Park West around 3am Monday. The accused had gained entry by cutting open the rear grill of the bank. When he tried to enter the strongroom, he cut a wire, hoping to disable the alarm but set off the siren. Hasan fled the scene. The police are checking if Hasan attempted to commit theft at the ATM kiosk after the failed attempt at the bank **ENS**

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Ph: 080-41106508
email: cekwbbng@gmail.com Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

No. KWB/CAO/AAO-1/Cashier/2025-26/448 Date: 23.02.2026

INVITATION FOR E-AUCTION
(Only through KPP Portal)

KUWS & D Board invites E-Auction from eligible registered Nationalized banks. **Investment of funds of Rs. 500 crores.**
E-Auction Notice Number : **KUWSDB/2025-26/AUCTION11**

Sl.No.	Particulars	Dates
1)	Date of Notification and for Download of Documents:	24-02-2026 from 11.00 AM.
2)	Pre-Bid Meeting :	02-03-2026 at 11.30 AM at Jalbhavan, Bangalore.
3)	Last date to upload the Eligibility Criteria in Annexure-A & Declaration in Annexure-B in the e-portal:	05-03-2026 upto 4.00 pm.
4)	Live Bidding	10-03-2026 From 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM.

Further details may be obtained from the above office and from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR
KUWS & D BOARD, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/YC/5838/2025-26

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED POSSESSION NOTICE
Registered Office: 27 BKC, C 27, G-Block, BandraKurla Complex, Bandra (E) Mumbai, Maharashtra, Pin Code-400 051 Branch Office: #402L, 7th Floor, Pantheon Road,Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of kotak mahindra bank ltd., under the securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act,2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the security interest (enforcement) rules 2002 issued demand notices to the borrowers as detailed hereunder, calling upon the respective borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notices with all costs, charges and expenses till actual date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the same. The said borrower(s)/ co borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/ co borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken physical possession of the property described hereunder in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act r/w rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned along-with. The borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.**, for the amount specified therein with future interest, costs and charges from the respective dates. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.
Details of the borrowers, scheduled property, outstanding dues, demand notices sent under section 13(2) and amounts claimed there under, date of possession is given herein below

Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-Borrower Loan Account No., Loan Amount	Details Of The Immovable Property	1. Date Of Possession 2. Type of Possession 3. Demand Notice Date 4. Amount Due In Rs.
1. Mr. Manjunath B N S/O Mr. Narayanachari V & 2. Mr. Narayanachari V S/O Mr. Munivenkatachary , Both At:32, Ground Floor, 5th A Cross, 6th Main, Ganapathipura, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560062, Both Also At:Site No. 76, Khata No. 6/24 5/3, Priyadarshini Road Ganapathipura, Konanakunte Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560078 **Loan Account Number:- 15100000780 Loan Amount Sanctioned:- Rs. 35,00,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Property No. 76, Khata No. 6/24 5/3, situated at Konanakunte Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 35 Feet in all measuring 1050 Sq. Feet and bounded by: East By: Road West By: Property No. 77 North By: Road South By: Property No. 83 Name of the Mortgagor: Mr. Manjunath BN	1.20.02.2026 2. Symbolic Possesion 3. 02.12.2025 4. Rs.36,33,951.12/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One and Paise Twelve Only) due And Payable As Of 14.11.2026 With Applicable Interest From 15.11.2026 Until Payment In Full.
1. Mr. Kuppuswamy R K C S/O Chidambaram Chettiyar &2. Mrs. Subbalakshmi Kumgumai K W/O Mr. Kuppuswamy R K C both At:- No 19, Mudalappa Street, Doddamavalli Bangalore, Doddamavalli Bangalore, South Basavanagudi, Bengaluru, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560004 , Also at:-Survey No. 1 and 2, U Block Sivapriya Nagar,Syno 59 Madiwala Village Anekarli, Taluk, Bangaluru, Karnataka-560099 **Loan Account Number:- 24600000648 Loan Amount Sanctioned:-** Rs. 13,09,696 /- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Six Only)	**Item No. 1:** All that piece and parcel of the residential site bearing No. 1 in 'U' Block of Sivapriya Nagar in Survey No. 59 E-Khatha No. 15020010100000402, of Madiwala Village, KasabaHobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore Urban District got the conversion for non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order No. ALN/SR(A)11/99-2000 dated 15-6-2001 passed by the Hon'ble Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Urban District having VIP. Khatha No. 1451 of Marsur Panchayat measuring East to West: 30 feet, North to South: 279" feet totally measuring: 832.5 Sq Feet and bounded by:East: Site No. 2 in 'U' Block , West: Reserved Area , North: Private Property , South: Road **Item No. 2:** All that piece and parcel of the residential site bearing No. 2 in 'U' Block of Sivapriya Nagar in Survey No. 59 E-Khatha No. 15020010180060040 5, of Madiwala Village, KasabaHobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore Urban District got the conversion for non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order No. ALN/SR(A)11/99-2000 dated 15-6-2001 passed by the Hon'ble Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Urban District having V.P. Khatha No. 1452 of Marsur Panchayat measuring East to West: 30 feet, North to South: 33'6" feet totally measuring: 1005 Sq Feet and bounded by:East: Site No. 3 in 'U' Block , West: Site No. 01 in U Block, , North: Private Property,South: RoadTotally measuring 1837.5 Square Feet Name of the Mortgagor: Kuppuswamy R K C	1.20.02.2026 2. Symbolic Possesion 3. 19.09.2025 4. Rs.9,18,660.41/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty and Paise forty One Only) due And Payable As Of 01.08.2025 With Applicable Interest From 02.08.2025 Until Payment In Full.

Place: Karnataka Date: 25.02.2026 Authorised Officer For Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.
For any query please Contact Sumaiya Tazeen /Arvindkumar Tiwary (Mob:- +918655315364/+919810698044) &V Vidya Pandey (Mob:- +919789862338)

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 1, Bengaluru
No.4, Residency Road, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Hayes Road, Bengaluru - 560025.

DEMAND NOTICE
Notice under Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rule 2 of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961
RC/553/2021 Date : 22-12-2021

M/s. CITY UNION BANK LIMITED, Ballary Branch, New KSRTC Bus Stand, Bellari - 583101, Karnataka - Certificate Holder
- Vs -
Sri. NIKHIL AND OTHER
To
(CD 1) **Sri. Nikhil,** S/o. M. Vijaya Kumar, Residing at : D.No.171, MMTC Colony, Opposite to MMTC Park, S.N.Pet, 3rd Cross, Ballary - 583101.
(CD 2) **Mrs. Charmi, W/o. Mr. Nikhil,** Residing at : D.No.171, MMTC Colony, Opposite to MMTC Park, S.N.Pet, 3rd Cross, Ballary - 583101.
- Certificate Debtors

1. This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bengaluru (DRT-1) in OA/824/2020 an Amount of **Rs.64,67,504/- (Rupees Sixty Four Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Four only),** along with pendentelite and future interest and Costs till realization.
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within **15 days** of the receipts of the Notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules thereunder.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **22-07-2026** at **10.30 a.m.** for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay :
   (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the Certificate / Execution proceedings.
   (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the Amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date : **22nd December 2021.**
(Rajasekharan R)
Recovery Officer - I, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bengaluru (DRT 1)

Government of Karnataka
HAVERI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, DEVAGIRI-YALLAPURA, HAVERI-581 110
(Autonomous Institution of Government of Karnataka)
Website : https://himshaveri.karnataka.gov.in
E-mail : tenders.hims.dme@gmail.com
ಸಂ: ಹಿಮ್ಸ್/28/2025–26, ದಿನಾಂಕ : 23/02/2026

E-Tender Notification

The Dean and Director,. here in after referred to as The Purchaser invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for Drugs and consumables for one year on the basis of Annual rate contract.The tenderers shall submit tenders in two Bid system procedures as per KTPP Act. The Tenders are required to submit two separate bids, one containing the Earnest money deposit and the details of their capability to undertake the which will be opened first and the second bid containing the price tender which will be opened only if the Tenderer is found to be qualified to execute the tendered project. tenderers can download tender documents from https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal
Tender Time table : (1) Tender Number DHFWS/2025-26/IND2272 (2) Tender Uploading Date : **23/02/2026** (3) EMD Amount Rs. **4.50** Lakhs (4) Approximate Tender Value Rs. **300.00** Lakhs (5) Pre-bid meeting time and date : **09/03/2026** 11.00 AM (6) Last Date and time to upload tender : **24/03/2026** 4.00 PM (7) Technical Bid Opening Date and time : **25/03/2026** 4.30 PM (8) Original Document verification : It will be intimated (9) Date to submit Drugs Samples : It will be intimated to the eligible bidders(Qualified in the technical document verification) (10) Financial Bid Opening Date and time : It will be intimated (11) Officer In-charge and contact details Dean and Director, Haveri Institute of Medical Sciences, Haveri. **08375-200015/ 8660990320**

Sd/- Dean and Director,
Haveri Institute of Medical Sciences,
Haveri
DIPR/Haveri/KSMCA/740/2025-26

Rajasthan Financial Services Delivery Limited
Registered Office : 3rd Floor, B-Block, Vitta Bhawan, Janpath, Jaipur-302005 (Raj.)
File No. :- F.1(26)RFSDL/RFP- Strategy Consultancy/2025 Date :- 19/02/2026
Corrigendum
Date of Bid Submission for NIB 05/2025-26 Dated: 08.01.2026 is extended from 24.02.2026 to 16.03.2026. The detail may be visited on the procurement portal **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, & https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.**
UBN No. FGT2526SLOB00020
Raj.Samwad/C/25/21086 Executive Director (Adm.)

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जोधपुर 342304, राजस्थान, भारत
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Advertisement No.: CRPD/SCO/2025-26/24 (Regular position)

Name of Post	Number of vacancies	Grade
Manager (Risk Specialist- Climate Risk)	02	MMGS-III

DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: FROM 24.02.2026 to 16.03.2026.

Advertisement No.: CRPD/SCO/2025-26/25 (Regular position)

Name of Post	Number of vacancies	Grade
Deputy Manager- IT Security Expert	01	MMGS-II
Deputy Manager -Emerging Technology	04	
Deputy Manager -Cyber Security Analyst	02	
Deputy Manager -Incident Management & Forensics	02	
Deputy Manager -Test Engineers	03	

DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: FROM 24.02.2026 to 16.03.2026.

Advertisement No.: CRPD/SCO/2025-26/26 (Contractual position)

Name of Post	Number of vacancies
Business Analyst	01

DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: FROM 24.02.2026 to 16.03.2026.

Advertisement No.: CRPD/SCO/2025-26/27

Name of Post	Vacancies	Type
Deputy Manager (IS AUDIT)	43	Regular (MMGS-II)
Deputy Manager (Chartered Accountant - Internal Audit)	61	Regular (MMGS-II)
AVP (IS AUDIT)	12	Contractual

DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: FROM 23.02.2026 to 15.03.2026.

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Place: Mumbai
Date: 23.02.2026 **General Manager (RP & PM)**

On the protests by BJP over vacant government posts, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar countered, "If they were so concerned as they claim why didn't they fill them when they were in power? We will recruit soon. We have already introduced the Yuva Nidhi scheme to support unemployed youth."

GOVT, OPPN TRADE BARBS OVER PROTEST BY JOB ASPIRANTS

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Siddu blames BJP for job vacancy backlog

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

WITH protests by government job aspirants intensifying in Dharwad, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday blamed the previous BJP regime for the large backlog of vacant posts. The CM further said that the process of filling the vacancies was ongoing and will be further accelerated in a transparent, systematic, and a time-bound manner. "We are taking all necessary administrative and policy measures to recruit for more positions in the coming years and to strengthen recruitment institutions so that such backlogs do not recur," Siddaramaiah added.

The CM said that when the Congress assumed power in 2023, 2.64 lakh government posts were vacant. This massive backlog did not arise overnight, he said, adding that it was the result of prolonged inaction under the previous BJP government, which failed to initiate timely recruitment or create a structured roadmap to fill the vacancies.

"It is deeply unfortunate that BJP opposition leaders are choosing to mislead innocent students even now to serve their narrow political interests. Instead of encouraging aspirants to stay focused on their preparation and future, they are attempting to instigate unrest. The present situation is largely a consequence of the series of recruitment irregularities and corruption scandals between 2019 and 2023, which eroded trust in the system and resulted in a massive backlog of vacancies," he said, adding that the present government is committed to restoring credibility, transparency, and stability in the recruitment process. The CM also said that he has taken serious note of the ongoing protests by government job aspirants in Dharwad. "I understand the anxiety, frustration, and uncertainty that many of our government job aspirants are experiencing. Behind every application is a dream, a family's hope, years of hard work, and an aspiration to serve Karnataka. As CM, I want every student to know that your concerns are heard, and your future matters deeply to us," Siddaramaiah added.

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> Siddaramaiah, CM

The CM said recruitment processes had to be temporarily stalled due to legal challenges surrounding internal reservation, which was under consideration before various courts. "As a government committed to constitutional propriety and social justice, we chose to act responsibly within the framework of law rather than rush decisions that could jeopardize the careers of thousands of candidates. Despite these structural and legal constraints, our government has moved with determination and integrity," he said.

He said that in the last 2.5 years alone, more than 40,000 recruitments have been completed across departments.

"We are also conscious that many aspirants have waited for years due to delays beyond their control. Recognising this hardship, the government has relaxed the age criteria by over 5 years for upcoming recruitments," he said.

Government job aspirants protest in Dharwad on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Result of prolonged neglect, says HDK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

UNION Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy on Tuesday said that there is a staggering 2.94 lakh vacancies in various government departments in Karnataka."Yet, cabinet-rank positions are being filled in super-fast mode. The Congress government's sense of priority is evident," Kumaraswamy, a former CM, said.

It is the prolonged neglect in filling government vacancies that has compelled the youth to take to the streets, Kumaraswamy said, adding, "My earnest appeal to the youth: please keep your protest peaceful, I stand firmly with you."

Quoting the Karnataka Administrative Reforms Commission report by RV Deshpande, Kumaraswamy said nearly 7 lakh young people are unemployed in the state. "A responsible administration should have undertaken phased recruitment. Instead, three invaluable years have been squandered in chair politics, leaving little time for the aspirations of the youth. Unemployment is not a routine administrative concern, it is a simmering volcano. The government must awaken to this reality, make dedicated budgetary provisions, and immediately initiate large-scale recruitment," the JDS leader said.

According to Kumaraswamy, the highest vacancies persist in the departments of education, health, and police. "Alarmingly, 18 key police stations in Bengaluru city are functioning without inspectors, a telling symptom of a government preoccupied with transfers. This drift in governance is already having adverse consequences on the ground. The government must act with urgency, step down from the third floor of Vidhana Soudha and listen to the voice of the youth. Failing this, the Congress government will inevitably have to reckon with the mounting public anger," Kumaraswamy said.

Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra alleged that before the 2023 Assembly polls, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi came to Belagavi and promised Karnataka's youth that 2.5 lakh government vacancies would be filled within one year. "Congress repeated the same promise in its manifesto, in writing. Two and a half years later, vacancies have crossed 2.8 lakh, but recruitment is nowhere to be seen. Congress' financial mismanagement has pushed the state into such a mess that it cannot even conduct basic recruitment processes. Karnataka's youth is paying the price for this. Their prime years are being wasted while protests grow across the State," Vijayendra said.

BJP leaders demand immediate recruitment

MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH
@ Dharwad

Declaring unanimous support for the protest being held by job aspirants in Dharwad, BJP leaders R Ashoka, Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, Arvind Bellad and others called upon the protesters to plan a padayatra to Bengaluru, and assured them that their issue would be discussed in the upcoming Budget session, starting March 6.Addressing a stage programme on Tuesday at Jayanagar, Ashoka said he is ready to discuss recruitment done during the BJP government's tenure and that done in the Congress government's reign. The government either has to accept that its treasury is empty or announce recruitment immediately.

"The Congress government is accumulating money for elections in other states. The deputy chief minister is busy trying to occupy the chief minister's chair, while Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is busy saving his chair. They don't have time for youth development. I have information that more than 2 lakh jobs are vacant and the finance department has given approval for recruitment to 65,000 posts in various departments, but the government is holding up approval," he added. Chalavadi said the protest will be intensified if the government remains silent. The youth approached police seeking permission, but the government is trying to suppress them by using the police department, he said.

Protest march

Earlier, job aspirants took out a mega rally accompanied by BJP leaders. The protest commenced from Sri Nagar Circle and concluded at Jubilee Circle. As the number of protesters increased and the rally split into two, the organisers, BJP leaders and even police appeared confused. One group followed BJP leaders, where a stage function was organised at Jayanagar, while another staged a protest at Jubilee Circle, giving the police anxious moments as each group comprised more than 2000 youths.

The protesters shouted out slogans against the state government and demanded immediate action for recruitment to 2 lakh vacant posts. They threatened to go on an indefinite protest and vandalised roadside banners of political leaders, including BJP politicians, unmindful that they were supporting the job protest.

Akhila Karnataka State Students' Association (AKSSA) leader Kantkumar was taken to custody by police and later, BJP leaders demanded and procured his release. It was clearly not an organised gathering, with a few shouting that they did not want politicians involved, and tried to stop Ashoka from speaking at the rally.

Taking a dig at the Congress government and its preparation for the forth coming budget, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka on Tuesday said that CM Siddaramaiah does not have the money to prepare the budget, but he is preparing to present the budget to retain power, this is a illusionary budget.

Speaking to reporters in Chitradurga, he said the state's debt has reached Rs 3 lakh crore and Siddaramaiah is the only CM who has borrowed the most in the state in comparison with his predecessors.

Waiting for govt job is a tough task...

MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH
@ Dharwad

A job is a job only when it is a government job. Everyone looks for one.

Dawalatraya Gouda (26) from Raichur is no exception. He is a Master of Arts. For the last five years, he has been waiting for a government job while getting coached to crack the tests in Dharwad. He says government has not issued any notifications for recruitments.

"My parents are farm labourers. They sold the oxen for Rs 48,000 to meet my education and other expenses. No parent says that they are selling something for the future of their children."

Bored, frustrated and aggrieved Gouda works at a shop when is free from his main occupation—waiting for government jobs.

"We do not get a chance to prove our talent. It is also difficult to return to the village with empty hands," Gouda explained his predicament.

Narayan Rao is another aspirant. He has a sister of marriageable age. The family has been putting off her marriage since they think Rao might need financial support to secure a government job. Rao says it is the job of politicians to get him a government job.

Wasim Tahasildar, another of Rao's and Gouda's ilk, is waiting for a job in revenue department. He is angry. "We are trying. We are unable to ask for money from our parents. Apart from studying, we have nothing to do. How long we can live in hope? Many of our seniors can't even get married because they are jobless," he said.

Srinivas Patil (26) from Sankeshwar says he wants to return to the fields. Yet he prays that government calls for applications so that he can at least have a go. All his savings have been spent on getting coached for government tests.

Life, as they say, is tough.

Govt to fill 1,600 Fire and Emergency posts: Dr G

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@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said that steps will be taken to fill more than 1,600 vacant posts in the Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services Department. A proposal has been submitted to Chief Minister in this regard, and the vacant posts will be filled, he said.

He was speaking at a programme held on Tuesday at the RA Mundkur Fire Training Academy on Bannerghatta Road, where the 'Chief Minister's Medal' was conferred on officers and personnel of the Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services Department, Home Guards, Civil Defence and SDRF. Also, 40 new fire-fighting water tenders were handed over to the fire department on the occasion.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel at the medal presentation ceremony at the RA Mundkur Fire Training Academy in Bengaluru on Tuesday | KEVIN NASHON

Dr Parameshwara said the department has earned national recognition through its commendable service. Describing the department's officers and staff as disciplined personnel, he said they have maintained the same standards of discipline as the police department.

"Every day we witness several tragedies, especially in urban areas. During emergencies, you risk your lives to protect public property and save citizens. I recall your courageous efforts in rescuing people during floods, including in Madikeri, where you made remarkable efforts to save residents stranded in isolated houses," he said.

Dr Parameshwara said that he has requested the CM to establish fire stations in 15 new taluks. He also announced that on the lines of the Police Housing Scheme, under which 40,000 houses have been constructed, housing facilities will be provided for fire service personnel as well, and necessary funds will be allocated.

Part of top brass, DKS takes jibe at Mahadevappa

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@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA's political corridors were set abuzz on Tuesday after KPCC president and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar sarcastically suggested that senior Congress minister HC Mahadevappa may have prior information about a possible change in the CM's post — triggering fresh speculation over leadership churn and the 'Dalit CM' pitch.

Responding to reporters near his official residence in Bengaluru, Shivakumar sarcastically rubbed it in saying, "Mahadevappa is part of our high command. He may have information about a change in the CM. That is perhaps why he raised the issue of a Dalit CM. I have no such information."

Asked specifically if the Congress high command had summoned him or CM Siddaramaiah to Delhi, Shivakumar dismissed the speculation. "I have received no such call. I will go to Delhi only regarding departmental work," he clarified. He said he plans to discuss a proposed Rs 1 lakh crore urban development scheme with Union authorities, particularly ensuring that Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities are not excluded from funding allocations," he said.

DCM DK Shivakumar called on Suttur Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji at Suttur Sadan on KR Road in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

On criticism that he has remained silent over controversial statements by some ministers despite being the state Congress chief, Shivakumar shot back saying, "It is the CM's responsibility to control ministers and MLAs. As far as party matters are concerned, I keep the high command informed."

When asked about internal remarks targeting Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara, he declined to escalate tensions, saying only, "He is a senior leader." When asked about cabinet reshuffle or expansion, Shivakumar said he backs the idea of inducting fresh faces. "How long can we keep sitting in one place? I have been a minister for 36 years. A new generation with new ideas must come in. I support bringing newcomers into the Cabinet. The party will decide," he said.

He clarified that it was the Chief Minister who had spoken about a cabinet reshuffle and that aspirants flying to Delhi to lobby is but natural. "Everyone will have ambitions, won't they," he remarked.

Asked about Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi, Shivakumar said that he holds regular and weekly discussions with the former.

"We both agree on a lot of issues. He too is deeply concerned about the party. We are preparing strategies to bring the government back to power in 2028," he said.

Asked about Bengaluru, Shivakumar, who also holds the Bengaluru Development portfolio, said Rs 5,065 crore is being spent on road development, Rs 2,000 crore has been allocated by the CM, 75% of works are complete, with all projects to be wrapped up in about 65-70 days. He said the government plans to distribute about 10 lakh e-khata documents. He added that about 30,000 registered street vendors will receive vehicle support under welfare schemes.

On the state budget to be present on March 6, Shivakumar said, "A budget must remain confidential. Even ministers cannot reveal details in advance."

Policy for fly-taxi services will be seriously examined, says MB Patil

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Minister for Large and Medium Industries MB Patil on Tuesday said that the State Government will seriously examine the need to formulate a policy to introduce 'fly-taxi' services in Karnataka.

Highlighting Karnataka's leadership in aerospace and defence, Patil noted that Suzuki and Toyota are set to launch aerial taxi services in Japan by 2028. He added that Bengaluru-based Sasmos is supplying electrical equipment for the project. Industrialists have suggested introducing similar services in Karnataka through a suitable policy framework, and "this will be examined seriously," he said. He was speaking after chairing meetings of the Vision Groups for Aerospace and Defence, Machine Tools, Auto/EV, and Green Energy sectors, aimed at charting the future trajectory of key industries.

During the meetings, discussions were held on establishing testing centres and Common Facility Centres for the aerospace and defence sectors. Patil assured industry representatives that the government would facilitate such infrastructure. The state has already urged the Centre to approve Defence Corridor projects in the Bengaluru North–Kolar–Chikkaballapur and Dharwad–Vijayapura–Belagavi regions. Industry members also pointed to the potential for a similar corridor between Bengaluru and Mysuru.

Patil said Karnataka should emerge as the capital of defence electronics manufacturing. Plans are under consideration to set up a 200 acre Defence Electronics Park and a 100 acre Avionics and Sensor Park once the proposed Special Investment Region is established. He assured that land allocation would not pose a challenge.

The Machine Tools sector, with an annual turnover of Rs 36,500 crore, continues to witness steady growth. To boost the sector further, the state has organised large-scale exhibitions, generating increased demand. A testing unit is operational in Bengaluru, and another will be established in Tumakuru. There are also plans to expand vocational training institutes in industrial areas.

In the Auto and EV sector, members suggested creating a network of dry ports and expanding EV charging stations. The Tata Group is manufacturing EV buses in Dharwad and preparing to produce mini excavators, with export facilitation measures in the pipeline. A proposal for a two-wheeler EV testing facility will also be examined.

In the Green Energy sector, the focus was on policies for battery-based energy storage and the establishment of data centres. Patil assured that the government would positively consider the suggestions.

Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot ordered Gulbarga University to carry out the revaluation of second and fourth semester BEd exams conducted in December 2024 through digital scanning and marks system. This order has come after a one-man fact-finding committee headed by former Justice Ramachandra D Huddar recommended digital revaluation

Hundreds of people join the Koppal District Save Movement Committee rally in Koppal on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Second bandh in Koppal against factory expansion

Locals say units are degrading environment, affecting air quality

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE@ Koppal

IN a resolute stand against the proliferation of steel factories, a complete shutdown was observed in Koppal for the second time on Tuesday,' orchestrated by the Koppal District Save Movement Committee in conjunction with the Joint Action Committee of environmental protection forums. Hundreds of leaders from many organisations, alongside non-partisan protesters, participated in the protest march.

The huge procession commenced from Gavi Matha Ground and travelled through the Clock Tower and Jawahar Road to culminate at Ashoka Circle. Protesters vociferously chanted slogans denouncing the government's inaction.

Previously, on February 24, 2025, a Koppal bandh was convened on the same contentious issue under the auspices of Shri Gavisiddeshwara Mahaswamiji. During that protest, it was asserted that numerous steel factories established in and around Koppal were inflicting harm upon the environment and degrading air quality, with a forceful demand for the cessation of such polluting industries within the district.

Demands were made for the immediate annulment of the expansion of a proposed factory near Koppal. In this regard, public representatives from the district, transcending party lines, engaged with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, securing an assurance that factory operations would be temporarily suspended. However, in the absence of a definitive cancellation order, the District Save Movement Committee and environmental protection forums executed a protracted, indefinite sit-in protest lasting 116 days. As the anniversary of the Koppal bandh was marked, a clarion call was issued for yet another large-scale agitation, leading to a renewed shutdown of Koppal.

As part of the protest march, a rally featuring tractors, bullock carts, and motorcycles was organised. Farmers from villages adversely affected by factory operations showcased samples indicative of crop losses to draw the government's attention.

The protesters demanded the permanent cessation of new factory establishments in the district and the implementation of stringent measures following a thorough review of the environmental damage inflicted by existing factories.

HC to Ranveer: You have no right to hurt religious sentiments

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IN his petition, actor **Ranveer Singh** questioned the legality of registration of the First Information Report (FIR) by High Grounds police against him. Also, the court directed the complainant and state police to file objections, if any, to the petition.

Noting that whether there is mens rea or not for registration of a crime, whether the magistrate has followed procedure or not in referring the complaint, the court said ,"You (Ranveer) have no right to do all these things. No person in the garb of talent or comedy shows has the right to hurt the religious sentiments and dignity of any person".

When the matter was taken up for hearing, Poovayya admitted that the statement made by the actor was completely insensitive and reckless, but he apologised after realising his mistake. Also, the statement doesn't constitute offences invoked to prosecute him, because his statement was not intentional, he told court.

"You may be Ranveer Singh or anybody; you, being an actor, influence people, you can't call the role of deity Chavundi performed by Rishab Shetty a 'female ghost'. You may mimic or do anything. You have no right to hurt anybody's sentiments. You can't take it so lightly. Will your apology take back all your words? People may forget but the internet never forgets," the court observed.

The court also observed that celebrities should exercise restraint when they go on stage. Religious sentiments of the region should be respected. Hurting sentiments of a state cannot be taken lightly, the court told Singh's counsel.

Sajan Poovayya replied that a reckless, careless statement can't constitute offence under Sections 196 (promoting enmity or disharmony between different groups), 299 (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings), and 302 (intentional wounding of religious feelings) of the BNS, which are filed against the petitioner. The sequence demonstrates that the actor has been reckless, but it doesn't constitute offences for a criminal trial. For referring investigation, the magistrate has to apply his mind. In this case, only one line order is passed without applying mind, he told the court, referring to a 1.5-minute video of the statement placed before court.

Additional State Public Prosecutor BN Jagadeesha submitted that due procedure was followed in registration of the FIR, and it was not treated like any other case. Ranveer was asked to stop his statement on stage, but he continued. Counsel for the complainant also submitted that Singh's statement "not just wounded our heart but our soul".

The court said it is gross ignorance of facts, and disrespect to the deity of the region. The actor should be very careful and not loose-tongued, the court reiterated.

STADIUM PLANNED ON KSIC LAND

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and former MP Pratap Simha speak to agitating KSIC employees in T Narasipur on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Yaduveer, Simha unite, reshape Mysuru politics

KARTHIK K K @Mysuru

THE controversy surrounding KSIC filature factory land intensifies, transforming what began as a local labour issue into a high-stakes political flashpoint. The proposal to construct a stadium on the premises of the Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) filature factory at T Narasipur triggered widespread protests. Amid this escalating row, a significant political development unfolded.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and senior BJP leader and former MP Pratap Simha appeared together at the protest site, standing shoulder to shoulder with agitating KSIC employees.

The coming together of Wadiyar and Simha particularly after Simha was denied a ticket in the last parliamentary election has sent strong political signals. Political leaders see this as more than solidarity with workers; it is widely perceived as a calculated message to the Congress-led state government. Their joint presence amplified the protest's political weight especially among the local BJP leaders. Simha who is trying to contest from Chamaraja assembly constituency in the next assembly election is seen in visible alignment with Yaduveer, which the BJP leaders claim will consolidate support and project unity within the party ranks.

EXPRESS READ

FSL confirms drug manufacturing unit in Mysuru outskirts, mobile phones, contraband recovered

MYSURU: The Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) confirmed an illegal drug manufacturing unit operating on the outskirts of Mysuru. They detected the presence of narcotic substances in a three-storeyed house at Yandahalli village. It is the third production unit in Mysuru manufacturing the banned substance. The police raided the isolated house on January 30. They found 10 barrels of liquid chemicals and several solid powdered substances stored on the ground floor. Over 10 cellphones were recovered. The first floor was used for residential purposes by the accused, who fled before the raid. **ENS**

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Letter No: 159 **E- Tender Date Extension Notice No-01** Date: 24/02/2026

Due to unavoidable reasons the dates of e-tender no 01/DGM(CD-II)/ICB/Lakhwar/2025-26 for "Optimization of the present shear zone treatment methodology and its improvisation" for the Lakhwar Multipurpose Project (MPP)" Uttarakhand are hereby extended as follows: -

Last Date for submission of bid document on website: 09.03.2026 up to15:00 Hrs.

Last Date for submission of documents in Hard copy: 12.03.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs.

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Dated: 21.02.2026

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Dy.Chief Electrical Engineer/ OHE, Construction, Southern Railway, Chennai Egmore invites E-Tender for the following works.

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Bid Security:	Rs. 12,78,900.00
Tender closing date and time:	31.03.2026 at 15.00 hrs.
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Dy.Chief Electrical Engineer/OHE Electrical Construction/Chennai-8
For and on behalf of President of India.

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS VARANASI-221004

Bid No.: E-58/2025-26 **E-Tenders** **Date : 23-02-2026**

E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India, E-tender for supply of following items. Only e-offer will be acceptable for which vendors must have class III Digital Signature and registration on **IREPS.** The details of tenders are in the following sequence:- **S.No., Tender No., (Due Date), Description and Quantity.1.** 03261018, (16/03/2026), Complete Shell Kit for WAP-7 Push-Pull (Amrit Bharat) 3-Phase Electric Locomotives ABSK-066 Alt - b, Spec: BLW/DES/MISC-784 Rev-4 to (PL.No. 29171751) Qty.134Set.**2.**0725111,(09/03/2026)SILANE MODIFIED POLYMER,SPECIFICATION/DRG NO. DLW/TOT/VEH/DD/PS_ADHESIVE & SEALANTS REV.No.06 SPECIFICATION FOR I-MARKING AND PACKING CONDITION AS PER MISC: 433 Spec: DLW/TOT/VEH/DD/PS,REV-06 TO (PL NO.17274424). Self-Life of Item:12 Months.(Part. No. 17274424) QTY-9159 LTR **3.** 05265034, (17/03/2026), Battery Operated Rail Cum Road Shunter, 01 Nos. **4.** 05255305A, (09/03/2026), CNC VTL (CNC Vertical Turning Lathe),02 Nos. **5.** 10251232A, (16/03/2026), CarrierPistonPin(Developmental) (PL.No. 16141430), 160 Nos. **6.** 10251154, (09/03/2026), Impeller, (PL.No. 16122008), 1070 Nos. **7.** 01261007,(16/03/2026), S.S Tube, (PL.NO.29120068), 14751 MTR. **8.** GT No. E-55/2025-26,Tender No.10251364,(PL No.16141430), Carrier Piston Pin,Revised 01,Details of Corrigendum : (1) This Tender opening date on 15/04/2026, Instead of 20/02/2026 **Note:** All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged for above tender. **www.blw.Indianrailways.gov.in** and **www.ireps.gov.in.**

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Shivamogga Mahanagara Palike, Shivamogga

No.: SCC/CD/Tender: 52/2025-26 Date : 23.02.2026

Tender Notice (Through KPP Portal)

Tenders are invited through KPP Portal (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in) as per the provisions of the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 1999 and Standard Tender Document Rules for the execution of the following works falling within the jurisdiction of Shivamogga Mahanagara Palike (Shivamogga City Corporation). Contractors wishing to participate in the KPP Portal tender can obtain details from the website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

1. Last date for submission of applications for works through KPP Portal: 10.03.2026 (4:00 PM) **2.** Date of opening of technical bid for works through KPP Portal: 11.03.2026 (4:30 PM) **3.** Date of opening of financial bid through KPP Portal: 12.03.2026 (4:30 PM)

SINo. 1. Indent No.: 49584/CALL-2 **Details of Work/Service:** Development of Parshvanath and Nagarkatte Park **Estimated Amount**: Rs. 107.77 Lakhs **EMD:** Rs. 1,36,800 **Grant:** Amrit 2.0

SINo. 2. Indent No.: 49562/CALL-2 **Details of Work/Service:** Details of Work/Service: Development of Park in Allarim Layout **Estimated Amount**: Rs. 209.26 Lakhs **EMD:** Rs. 266000 **Grant:** Amrit 2.0

SINo. 3. Indent No.: 50476/CALL-2 **Details of Work/Service:** Development of Park in Purale Apoorva Layout **Estimated Amount**: Rs. 157.77 Lakhs **EMD:** Rs. 200500 **Grant:** Amrit 2.0

Note: Any changes or amendments regarding the tender will be notified through KPP Portal (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Further details can be obtained through KPP Portal, and other details can be obtained from the office during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Mahanagara Palike Shivamogga

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Government of Karnataka
Minor Irrigation and Ground water Development Division, Chitradurga

NO.EE/MI&GWD DIV/CTA/PB1/SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION: 21/2025-26 DATE:21-02-2026

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA By order and in his name the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Groundwater Development Division, Chitradurga KTPP Rules, 2000 for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Community, Category-I & II(m) as amended Rules and Standard Bid Document K.W.1, 2, 3 & 4 Item rate tender in One and two cover system (K.W-1, 2, 3 & 4) as per KTPP act-2000 with latest amendments is invited from the eligible contractors registered in KPWD (Minimum amount put to Tender-Rs. 5.00 Lakhs and Maximum amount put to Tender Rs. 200.00 Lakhs) for the 08 works through KPP-procurement portal.

Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka website KPP-PORTLA https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/from 21-02-2026 Last Date & Time for enquiries about tender 27-02-2026 upto 5.30 P.M., Last Date for submission of Tenders 02-03-026 upto 4.00 P.M. Opening of Technical bid for Tenders Date: 03-03-2026 after 4.30 P.M (If possible). Opening of Finanical bid Date: 04-03-2026 after 04.30 P.M (If possible). Tenders may be submitted along with EMD and tender fee (Mode of payment should be online only as prescribed in website). Amount mentioned in KPP-portal is final for the amount put to tender & the E.M.D. Additional Information regarding works may be obtained from the Division Office during office hours & from KPP-procurement help desk No.080-25501216 & 080-25501227.

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by
V. Somanna
Union Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti

LC 60, Bandihalli Road Gate, Gubbi | 12:00 PM | 25th Febuary, 2026

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The Joint Action Committee of employees of Karnataka -run transport corporations has written to CM Siddaramaiah, urging him to convene a meeting before March 2 to discuss pending wage revision and arrears. They warned of a protest from March 2 if their demands are not met

DIGITAL LAND MUTATION SYSTEM UPS AUTOMATION

Byre Gowda appeals to public to link Aadhaar with Pahani land record

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

IN a push toward digitizing governance, Revenue Minister **Krishna Byre Gowda** on Tuesday launched the digital land mutation system. "This fulfils the government's vision of taking administration to the people's doorstep. Mutation cases will now be fully automatic. The new system enables citizens to apply online for khata transfer and receive approval automatically if no objections are raised within the stipulated notice period," Byre Gowda said.

He said there is a stipulated seven-day notice period for registered transactions and a notice period extending to a fortnight for non-registered transactions. He said if no objections are filed, mutation is completed by default on the 8th or 16th day. "Earlier, people had to repeatedly visit government offices and were often at the mercy of officials and touts. That era is over," he said.

The pilot service was tested for 30 days in Mandya district,

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Krishna Byre Gowda, Revenue Minister

and now that the system has been debugged, it will be rolled out across districts. Byre Gowda said, "About 29-30 lakh mutation requests are made every year. From April 1, 2024, to February 20, 2026, 35,11,987 land mutations were completed automatically, and only 5,207 cases saw objections being filed. That translates to 98% of all mutations processed automatically."

Experts say the system will end long queues, harassment by touts, and corruption by babus in property record transfers. It is an improvement on earlier automation through the State's Bhoomi land records software, eliminating the need for physical fingerprint verification by Revenue inspectors. Now, digital signatures complete the process online, saving both citizen and official time.

He appealed to the people to link their Aadhaar with their Pahani land records to strengthen property ownership safeguards and help prevent fraudulent transactions, which will trigger an SMS alert on the owner's registered mobile number.

If anyone tries to alter ownership fraudulently, the facility will immediately notify the rightful property holder. The minister warned that without Aadhaar linkage, there can be rare instances of fraudulent ownership changes which can go unnoticed.

Revenue Secretary Rajendra Kumar Kataria and and Commissioner Meena Nagaraj coordinated the finer details before and during the launch.

MEET AND GREET

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu invites Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to his son's wedding, in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

UG-CET: Deadline to rectify errors in applications extended till March 30

BENGALURU: The KEA on Tuesday extended the last date for students to rectify errors in applications for UG-CET 2026 to March 30. Meanwhile, the last date for payment of fees is March 3. The authority has stated that the students, who have submitted their applications by the earlier deadline of February 27, can also make corrections online. The authority has instructed the SCs to obtain certificates printed as Category-A, Category-B and Category-C with RD numbers from local tahsildars. They must enter the RD numbers by editing it in the application portal. Out of 40,000 SCs, 20,000 candidates have entered the RD numbers that were previously listed as the SC only. Those who have not received their certificates as per internal reservation should get them and correct the same in the applications. The authority will consider only the applications with RD numbers of categories as per internal reservation for the test and seat allocation.

BJP to train 2 lakh workers, build party

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA BJP is organising a training for over 2 lakh party workers across 1,156 locations. Each session will see the participation of around 200 office-bearers. BJP General Secretary BL Santosh and state BJP president BY Vijayendra will lead the initiative in Bengaluru on February 26.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, state BJP secretary P Rajeev said that the programme aims at strengthening workers' ideological commitment, build social responsibility, and raise awareness of national and international issues. He said a team will be deputed from each district for this training.

Rajeev said BJP is different from other parties. "We are building the party through people. The purpose of the training is to build the nation by building he organisation. This is our target too," he said.

He said the training programme aims to build ideological commitment among party workers, familiarise them with the party's functioning and instil excellence in their conduct. " It will also educate office-bearers and workers about the party's history and growth," he said.

'Withdraw restrictions on journos' entry to Soudha'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BJP state president **BY Vijayendra** has urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah not to restrict the entry of journalists to Vidhana Soudha.

In his letter to the CM, Vijayendra said the restrictions imposed on their entry should be withdrawn immediately. All journalists -- accredited and non-accredited -- should be allowed to enter Vidhana Soudha. There should be no restrictions even on journalists from news and YouTube channels. "As you are aware, even YouTube channels are regarded as Media/Digital Media today," he stated.

He said a circular from DPAR stated electronic media personnel should meet ministers only at the Western Gate of the secretariat (near Kengal Hanumanthaiah statue) and only those having "accreditation cards" issued by the Department of Information will be allowed to enter Vidhana Soudha.

Accreditation cards are not given to all journalists. "As I know, there is a committee in the Department of Information that gives accreditation cards. The committee has certain parameters to give accreditation cards. In fact, many journalists working in mainstream newspapers and other media organisations do not have accreditation cards," Vijayendra said.

He demanded that the circular restricting the entry of media personnel to Vidhana Soudha be withdrawn immediately.

Activist urges govt to challenge HC order on child marriage cases

RASHMI PATIL @Bengaluru

TAKING serious note of a recent order of the Karnataka High Court exempting wedding hall owners from punishment in child marriage cases, child rights activist and convenor of the Karnataka Child Rights Observatory, Vasudev Sharma, has written to Women and Child Development Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar seeking corrective action.

Sharma urged the minister to sensitise and guide public prosecutors on the impact of child marriage so that they effectively present the case before the court and seek withdrawal of the order to prevent such incidents in future.

"Recently, the Karnataka High Court directed that owners of kalyana mantaps (wedding halls) where child marriages took place should be exempted from punishment and ordered that cases registered against them be quashed," Sharma said.

He added that the order could set a precedent for priests, clerics, photographers and others present at child marriages to seek exemption from liability.

"There is a possibility that courts may pardon such persons. In such instances, the Child Marriage Prohibition Act will weaken, leading to an increase in child marriages across the state," he said.

Sharma warned that a rise in child marriages could result in girls dropping out of school, poor maternal and infant health, and failure to achieve Sustainable Development Goals.

In his letter, Sharma urged the minister to ensure that public prosecutors are adequately trained and equipped to argue the government's position effectively and to take steps to challenge the High Court order in order to curb child marriage.

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CORRIGENDUM Dated : 24.02.2026

In continuation of the e-NIT notifications published, the sale period for the work 'Vertical Extension to TPT Building for flow calibration control room for sub system facility at IPRC, Mahendragiri.(Civil, Electrical & AC works). (No.: IPRC/CMG/TD/e-146/MW/CMP-05/2025-26 dated. 09.12.2025) (Estimated cost: ₹ 31.44 Lakhs) is extended up to 10.03.2026

For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html and tender free view at https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro

Group Head, CMG

TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHITTAGUPPA DIST. BIDAR

No:TMC/SWM/WORKS/CR- /2025-26 Dated: 24.02.2026

TENDER NOTIFCATION

1) Name of work (DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT55351)(DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT55352)(DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT55354), 2) Estimated cost As per KPPP Portal, 3) Eligibility of Agency / Consultant As per KPPP Portal, 4) EMD amount As per KPPP Portal, 5) Last date for submission of tender **12.03.2026 upto 04.30 PM,** 6) Technical bid opening **13.03.2026 at 5:00 PM,** 7) Address for communication Chief Officer, Town Municipal Council, Chitguppa, Pin code 585412, Emai: itstaff_ ulb_ Chittguppa@ yahoo. com 08483-277536 & 277122 8) Website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/Bidar/345/KSMC&A/2025-26

Sd/- Chief Officer,
Town Municipal Council, Chitguppa,

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No.KMSCL/ED/22/2025 Date: 23.02.2026

E- TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited for the procurement of Anti Haemophilia Drugs vide e-tender no KMSCL/ED/HEAM/RT/2026/005 dtd.23.02.2026 for Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Kerala.

Sl. No.	Name of Item	Last Date & time of Uploading of tender	Date & time of Technical Bid opening
1.	Anti Haemophilic factor VIII with Von Willebrand 250IU	07.03.2026 5.00 pm.	09.03.2026 11.00 am.

Tender documents can be downloaded from the website www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

(S/d-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

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Ph : 080-22422461/63, Email: recovery@subcobank.com.Website: subcobank.com

NOTICE OF SALE- IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Auction sale under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest Act 2002 of the Immovable properties mortgaged to **Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Limited, Rajatha Bhavana, No.106, R.V.Road, Visveswarapuram, Bengaluru-560 004** for recovery of secured debts below mentioned. For the realization of these debts the mortgaged properties has brought for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".**

Borrower / Owner Name	Description of the Properties & Loan Amount	Auction Date & Time and Place	Reserve Price & EMD Amount
V V Puram Branch. Phone: 080-22422461/63, 26622462.			
1) Sri.Muniraju B, 2) Sri.Chandrashekar, 3) Sri.Murali B	All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing municipal New No.29-8, Old Site No.4, Old Panchayath No.110/6, Khatha No.60/1, E PID No.2256976570 of Nayanappa Shetty Palya Main Road, BTM Layout, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, now comes under B.B.M.P Limits, Rashtrakavi Kevumpu Nagara, Bengaluru, Ward No.176, BTM Layout, PID No.65-140-29-8, New PID No.176-W0178-5, measuring East to West 28 feet and North to South 30 feet and totally 840 Sq feet together with structures standing thereon and bounded on: East by: Property of Sri.Sadaramuniyappa, West by: Property of Sri.Lakshmana, North by: Road, South by: Others Property. **Property belongs to Sri.Muniraju B, Sri.Chandrashekar & Sri.Murali B.** **For Recovery of Rs.89,50,416.00 (Rupees Eighty Nine Lakhs Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen Only) and future interest and Other charges from 01/02/2026.**	Date: 30/03/2026 Monday 11.30 AM at Rajatha Bhavana, No.106, R.V.Road, Visveswarapuram, Bengaluru-04	Rs.1,33,00,000/- EMD Amount Rs.13,30,000/-

TERMS AND CONDITION OF AUCTION

(1) The intending bidders should Deposit EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque/Pay Order drawn in favour of Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Rajatha Bhavana No.106, R V Road, V V Puram, Bengaluru-560004, payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque/Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Auction Sale Notice. **(2)** The properties "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(3)** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(4)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(5)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in NEFT/RTGS or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the properties shall be put for re-auction. **(6)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues/taxes/charges/property tax/KEB charges/water charges/conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(7)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/bid/offer and/or adjourn/postpone/cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(8)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(9)** The properties can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 AM and 5.00 PM at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(10)** The properties are put for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION" The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. **(11)** In case of stay of further proceedings by DRT/DRAT/High Court or any other court, the auction may either be deferred or cancelled and persons participating in the sale shall have no right to claim damages, compensation or cost for such postponement or cancellation. **(12)** This is also notice to the (Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors) aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full, other terms and conditions applicable as per the Act.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Rajatha Bhavana No.106, R.V Road, V V Puram, Bengaluru-560004. for ascertaining the details of properties and also for inspection of property (Ph.080-26622462, 22422461/63, 9900607365).

Date : 24.02.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 17-03-2026 between 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical / symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank / Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank / Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

Details of the encumbrances known to the secured Creditors-Not known.

BO : Mylapore-034300, Customer Id: ANE012293, A/c: 0343008700372173, 034300IN00000166

Name and Address of the Borrower/Guarantor : VKN Lakshmi Agro Foods Pvt Ltd. (Borrower New No,30 Old No,57 Basement Thambiah Road, West Mambalam Chennai-600033. Mobile No. 9962631090. **VKN Lakshmi Agro Foods Pvt Ltd.** Timmavaram Village & Post Madhuranthagam Taluk Kanchepuram Dist-631501. Mobile No. 9962631090. **VKN Lakshmi Agro Foods Pvt Ltd.** Survey No.182 New Bypass Road (OPP. Pachiamman koil) Mumini Village Vandavasi Taluk & Post Thiruvannamalai -604408(TN). Mobile No. 9962631090. **Mr Natesh Krishna KR,** promoter, Director S/o. Sri Kosal Raman V. DSC Jain Antharikshi Rathinammal Street Kodambakkam Chennai-600024. Mobile No. 9962631090. **Mr.TS Ramachandra** Director S/o Seenappa, Flat No.2, DSC Jain Antharikshi Rathinammal Street Kodambakkam Chennai-600024. Mobile No. 9962631090. **Mr T S Ramachandra,** Director, S/o Seenappa, No. 288, Doddapete Road Malur Kolar -563130 Karnataka. Mobile No. 9962631090. **Mr T S Ramachandra,** Director, S/O Seenappa, No,22/1 Kumbarapete Malur Kolar -563130 Karnataka. Mobile No. 9962631090. **Mrs.Vijaya Sridharan,** Director, Flat No, 2 A-2 Srinikethan, 2nd floor New Door No.15, Venus Colony 1st Street, Alwarpet Chennai-600018. Mobile No. 9962631090. **Mrs Kalpana Sridharan** Director, Flat No 2, A-2 Srinikethan, 2nd floor New Door No.15 Venus Colony 1st Street Alwarpet Chennai-600018. Mobile No.9962631090. **Mrs Kalpana Sridharan** Director, Flat No,3-B Malvika Apartments No.2, 1st Cross Street Alwarpet Chennai-600018. Mobile No. 9962631090. **Mrs Kalpana Sridharan** Director, A-104 Admiralty Avenue, 6th Main 13th Cross Near ESI Hospital Indira Nagar 2nd Stage Bangalore North Bangalore-560038. Mobile No. 9962631090. **Mrs Kalpana Sridharan, INTEL Techlology India pvt ltd.** No.136 Airport Road, Kodohalli Bengalluru Bangalore-560017. Mobile No. 9962631090. **Mr.Kosal Raman Vaidyanathan** (Guarator), Flat No.2, DSC Jain Antharikshi, Rathinammal Street Kodambakkam Chennai-600024. Mobile No. 9962631090. **Mr.Kosal Raman Vaidyanathan (Guarator),** H No 2-16-109 Flat No.202, Concrete Harmonica Apartments 2nd Floor Prasanthi Nagar (OPP Survey of India) Uppal Hyderabad-500039 Telangana, Mobile No. 9962631090.

Description of Immovable Properties : Property belonging to TS Ramachandran: All that piece and parcel of immovable land property bearing Sy No.99,Gudnahalli village Kasaba Hobli,Malur Taluk measuring **2 Acres and 4 Gunta** and bounded on the East by:Remaining property of the same Sy.No.99 belongs to Mr.Srinivas, West by:Land belonging to Sri Munivenkatappa, North by:Land belonging to Venkataswamy, South by:Bangarapet Malur Road

Latitude, Longitude & Co-ordinates: 13.0009813 , 77.961992 **Property Id : PUNBRAA25956890**

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.5,02,00,000- EMD : Rs.50,20,000/- BID INCREMENT : Rs.1,00,000/-

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 26,59,04,495.62/-as on 31.01.2026 plus further interest and charges w.e.f. 01.02.2026(less: recoveries made if any). Possession Status : Symbolic

Date of Notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT : 05.06.2023 under Section 13 (4) : 04.09.2023

TERMS AND CONDITIONS : The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:
(1). The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". (2).** The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. **(3).** The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the **Website https://baanknet.com** on **17.03.2026 @ 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM. (4).** For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer **https://baanknet.com & www.pnb.bank.in**

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 & 9 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Date: 23.02.2026
Place: Chennai

Authorized Officer
Punjab National Bank - Secured Creditor

Government of India
Ministry of Finance
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I, Karnataka
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rule 2 of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 as amended

RC/14063/2018 Date : 14-08-2025

M/s. CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
- Vs -
M/s. DURGA DISTRIBUTORS

M/s. CITY UNION BANK LIMITED, Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch, No.194, Ground Floor, 7th Cross, Off CMH Road, Opp. G.K. Vale, Indira Nagar, 1st Stage, Bengaluru - 560038. **... Applicant Bank / Certificate Holder**

To

(CD 1) M/s. DURGA DISTRIBUTORS, (Represented by its Partners), Res. At No. 11/2, 1st Floor, R. V. Road, 1st Cross, Pattabhiramaiah Street, Mavalli, Bengaluru - 560004.
(CD 2) Mr. D. N. SUMAN, S/o. D. P. Nagaraja, Res. At No. 11/2, 1st Floor, R. V. Road, 1st Cross, Pattabhiramaiah Street, Mavalli, Bengaluru - 560004.
(CD 3) Mrs. D. N. USHA, W/o. D. P. Nagaraja, Res. At No.11/2, 1st Floor, R. V. Road, 1st Cross, Pattabhiramaiah Street, Mavalli, Bengaluru - 560004.
(CD 4) Mrs. D. R. SHARMILA, W/o. D. P. Pandurangaiah Setty, Res. At No. 11/2, 1st Floor, R. V. Road, 1st Cross, Pattabhiramaiah Street, Mavalli, Bengaluru - 560004.
(CD 5) Mr. D. P. NAGARAJA, S/o. D. V. Pandurangaiah Setty, Res. At No. 11/2, 1st Floor, R. V. Road, 1st Cross, Pattabhiramaiah Street, Mavalli, Bengaluru - 560004.
(CD 6) Mr. B. K. ADINARAYANA SETTY, S/o. Late Y. S. Krishnaiah Setty, R.O.No.42 (9448/949), 9th Cross, Srinagar, Bengaluru - 560050.
(CD 7) Mrs. KRISHNAVENI PANDU, W/o. D. V. Pandurangaiah Setty, Res. At No. 11/2, 1st Floor, R. V. Road, 1st Cross, Pattabhiramaiah Street, Mavalli, Bengaluru - 560004.
(CD 8) Mr. D.V. PANDURANGAIAH SHETTY, S/o. Vannappa Setty, Res. At No. 11/2, 1st Floor, R. V. Road, 1st Cross, Pattabhiramaiah Street, Mavalli, Bengaluru - 560004.
(CD 9) Mr. D. P. KIRAN KUMAR, S/o. D. V. Pandurangaiah Setty, Rep. by His Attorney Holder, Res. At No.11/2, 1st Floor, R.V. Road, 1st Cross, Pattabiramaiah Street, Mavalli, Bengaluru - 560004.

... Defendants / Certificate Debtors

1. This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT-1) in OA/2291/2016 an Amount of **Rs.4,78,87,047/- (Rupees Four Crore Seventy Eight Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand and Forty Seven only),** along with Cost, Expenses and future interest @ **14.50%** p.a. w.e.f. **08-07-2016** till realization and Costs of **Rs.1,50,005/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand and Five only)** has become due against you (Jointly and severally / Fully / Limited).
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within **15 days** of the receipts of the Notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules thereunder.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **21-07-2026** at **10.30 a.m.** for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay :
   (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the Certificate / Execution proceedings.
   (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the Amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date : **14th August 2025.**

(Sanjiv Kumar)
Recovery Officer - I.

Four senior leaders of the banned CPI (Maoist) party, including Politburo member Tippiri Thirupati alias Devuji alias Kumma Dada and Central Committee member Malla Raji Reddy alias Sangram, surrendered before Telangana DGP B Shivadhar Reddy on Tuesday

EPS promises ₹10k/family if AIADMK comes to power

T MURUGANANDHAM @Chennai

IN a game of one-upmanship between DMK and AIADMK on populist pledges ahead of the Assembly polls, AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami on Tuesday gave five more poll promises, including a one-time cash assistance of Rs 10,000 to all families in Tamil Nadu "to offset the rising living cost due to multiple taxes levied by the DMK government", and Rs 1,000 cash aid for Pongal.

Palaniswami, who had earlier made 10 poll promises in two installments, announced the third set of assurances on the birth anniversary of former chief minister J Jayalalithaa during a press briefing at the AIADMK headquarters in Chennai.

Palaniswami charged that the DMK regime led by Chief Minister MK Stalin has levied multiple taxes, causing a sharp rise in the prices of essential commodities over the past five years, severely affecting the people. "To reduce this hardship, compassionate assistance of Rs 10,000 will be provided to every family," Palaniswami said. The AIADMK leader said graduates who have registered with employment exchange and await jobs will be provided a monthly assistance of Rs 2,000. Those who have studied up to Class 12 and registered with employment exchange will get a monthly aid of Rs 1,000, he said.

On whether the AIADMK government will also hike taxes to fulfil its electoral promises, Palaniswami explained that there are many ways to increase tax revenue. "Through experts in the finance department, we will explore all possible avenues for enhancing and augmenting revenue, and by increasing such taxes where feasible," he added.

SIX PROMISES

A one-time relief assistance of Rs 10,000 will be provided to every family	Graduates registered with employment exchanges will receive Rs 2,000 monthly	Relief for fishermen will be increased from Rs 8,000 to Rs 12,000 during the ban	Additional assistance of Rs 1,000 will be given to families along with annual Pongal package	Free electricity for handloom weavers will be increased to 450 units, and for powerloom weavers to 1,400 units

The party will waive cooperative loans taken by roadside vendors

AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami distributes sweets on the birth anniversary of former TN CM J Jayalalithaa in Chennai on Tuesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

Mobile phone ban impractical: KSCPCR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

WITH increasing number of crimes where students are influenced by social media and lack of awareness about the same among parents, schools and children, the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) has sent a set of recommendations to different departments including the department of school education and literacy, police department, Directorate of Child Protection and Departments of IT, BT and Science and technology to increase digital literacy among the stakeholders.

Shashidhar Kosambe, Interim Chairman of KSCPCR, said, "Banning mobile phones for children under the age of 16 is practically not possible because a lot of schools send their assignments on parents' phone, some schools conduct online classes during the time of emergency and so on. But what can be done is that all the departments can work in collaboration by implementing these recommendations given by the commission."

A recent report released in June 2025 by KSCPCR in collaboration with the Child-Fund India revealed that the age group of 15-18 years were found to be most vulnerable to unsafe interactions on social media or online platforms and majority of them involved strangers. Kosambe said, "We conducted this survey in five districts including Bengaluru, Chamrajanagara, Belagavi, Chikkamagaluru and Raichur. Six schools were surveyed in each district and the data was surprising to us."

As per the recommendations, the KSCPCR has urged the GoK to build playground across city and rural schools so that it promotes outdoor sports and events that involve physical activities instead of being glued to screens; create IEC material to encourage the use of parental control software on devices used by children, with tutorials for parents and caregivers on their effective use; coordinate with tech companies and cyber security experts to develop tools for identifying and removing harmful content.

DEADLY MISHAP

A 20-year-old woman was killed and seven others were injured after a private bus overturned on Kattur Outer Ring Road near Avadi in Tamil Nadu on Tuesday | EXPRESS

'KERALA STORY 2' ROW

HC poses series of questions to makers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

THE Kerala High Court on Tuesday orally observed that the apprehensions of the people of Kerala cannot be ignored, as the makers of the film "Kerala Story 2: Goes Beyond" have used the state's name in the title and claimed that it is based on a real story.

The court orally observed that Kerala lives in communal harmony. However, the makers have portrayed that such incidents are happening all over Kerala. There is a wrong indication, which could incite passions. That is where the Censor Board comes into play. "Have you considered that?" the court asked the counsel for the Central Board of Film Certification. The Central government notification emphasises communal harmony, and the court asked whether these requirements have been satisfied in granting certification to the film.

Justice Bechu Kurian Thomas was considering a petition filed by Sreedev Namboodiri, of Kannur, challenging the certification granted to the film. The petitioner also sought to suspend the exhibition and release of the film. He argued that the certification was granted without adequate examination of its impact on public order, decency, and morality, as mandated under Section 5B of the Cinematograph Act, 1952. The concluding statements in the teaser and trailer allegedly amount to a call for retaliatory action, creating a real and imminent apprehension of law and order issues.

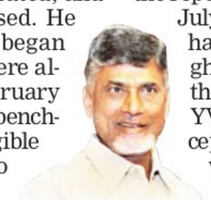
The court sought the filmmakers' stand on whether a screening of the film could be arranged. However, in the afternoon session, counsel for the producers submitted that the court should first decide whether the petitions before it are in the nature of public interest litigation or private litigation.

Naidu calls ghee adulteration gravest scam in Tirumala history

S GURU SRIKANTH @Vijayawada

NEARLY 20 crore laddus were prepared using adulterated ghee in Tirumala during the previous regime, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **N Chandrababu Naidu** alleged in the State Assembly on Tuesday, calling it one of the gravest scandals in the history of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD). Organised syndicates conspired to compromise the sanctity of Srivari prasadam, hurting the sentiments of millions of devotees, he charged.

Speaking during a short discussion on the alleged sacrilege of the laddu prasadam, Naidu presented a detailed account of how the scandal unfolded. He claimed that 59.71 lakh kg of spurious ghee worth Rs 234.51 crore was supplied between 2019 and 2024, with tenders manipulated, quality standards diluted, and lab reports suppressed. He said the conspiracy began when tender rules were altered in January-February 2020 to reduce quality benchmarks, allowing ineligible dairy companies to win contracts.



In August 2022, the CFTRI lab report had confirmed ghee adulteration with beta-sitosterol, but the report was ignored. Later, in July 2024, the NDDB report had found animal fat in ghee samples. He alleged that then TTD Chairman YV Subba Reddy's aide accepted a Rs 4.5 crore bribe, while fake certificates were submitted to secure tenders. During SIT investigation, drums of monoglycerides and acetic acid used in adulteration, along with a diary detailing bribes, were seized. Technical staff were allegedly bribed with expensive phones to facilitate the entry of spurious ghee tankers.

Naidu stressed that this was not just a financial malpractice but a grave insult to the deity and devotees worldwide.

Government of Karnataka
MINOR IRRIGATION AND GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Jayanagar Shopping Complex, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011

No. EE/MI & GWD/BNG/AE-1 & 5/36/2025-26 Datd : 24.02.2026

Short Term Tender Notification

On the behalf of the Hon'ble of State of Karnataka, as per K.T.P.P. with latest amendments, Item wise tenders are invited for the works mentioned under H/A : 4702SCP (CD) from the eligible contractors of suitable category registered under KPWD. For further details, visit website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Name of the work: Construction of Checkdam across Halla flowing through Javaregowdanadoddi, Madappanadoddi and Kuppasiddanadoddi villages of Bangalore South Assembly constituency of Bangalore Urban District.

Amount Put to Tender (Rs in Lakhs) : Rs.161.39 EMD: **Rs.2,42,100/-**

Period of Completion: 9 Months including Monsoon,

(Tender Amount, EMD Amount and Period Completion as per the works noted in KPPP Portal)

(1) Tender will be published through kpp portal on Dated: **24.02.2026 at 16.30 Hours, (2)** Last date of queries: **03.03.2026 at 15.00 Hours, (3)** Pre Bid Meeting Date & Time: **27.02.2026 at 11.30 Hours, (4)** Last Date for Receipt of Tenders on Dated: **03.03.2026 at 16.30 pm Hours, (5)** Technical Bid will be opened on Dated: **05.03.2026 at 11.30 am Hours, (6)** Financial Bid will be opened on Dated: **After approval of Technical bid.**

Conditions: 1) Terms and conditions and other details may be obtained through kpp portal at the website address **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in clause KW-4 of ITT in Standard Tender document. **3)** Bidder should quote the rates Excluding GST. **4)** Rights are reserved for postponement or cancellation of any or all Tenders.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division

DIPR/CP/5859/SSC/2025-2026

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

BRIEF/ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through KPP Portal only)

KPCL invites tenders through "e" Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT - STAGE II

1) Tender No. KPCL/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT3995 Resurfacing of Kadra village road from CH 143m to 2350m. Amount put to tender: **Rs.33.86 Lakhs. EMD: Rs.67,800/-.** Eligible class of contractor: **KPWD Class-III & above.** Contract Period: **3 months** (Excluding monsoon). Last date for receipt of tender: **02.03.2026, 10.30 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from **Executive Engineer (Civil),** KPCL, Kadra - 581396.

SHIMSHA HYDRO POWER STATION

2) Tender No. KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3803/CALL-3 Dated: 20.02.2026 Improvement of internal communication systems by replacing the existing setup with an IP-based PBX system and IP phone sets at Shimsha HES. **EMD: Rs.4215/-.** Work completion period: **30 days.** Last date for submission/uploading bids: **02.03.2026 at 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from **Executive Engineer (O&M),** KPCL, Shimshapura-571430, Malavalli Tq., Mandya Dist. Mob: 099028 35577.

SHARAVATHY HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT

3) Tender No. KPCL/2025-26/IND2198/CALL-3 Date: 14.02.2026 Supply of 321 pairs Industrial safety shoes for Employees of SVP Power Houses including Shiva & Shimsha Power Houses. **EMD: Rs.17,734/-.**

4) Tender No. KPCL/2025-26/IND2312/CALL-2 Date: 16.02.2026 Supply of Various Sizes/Types and Grades MS Bolts and Nuts, Screws, Washers etc., required for SVP Power Houses **EMD: Rs.6,111/-.**

5) Tender No. KPCL/2025-26/IND2432 Date: 18.02.2026 Supply of Portable Welding, Machine, High Pressure Washer, Electrical Air Blower, Power Sable Saw etc., required for SVP Power Houses. **EMD: Rs.3,192/-.**

6) Tender No. KPCL/2025-26/IND2150/CALL-2 Date: 18.02.2026 Supply of 50 nos. of Drake to Drake Wedge Connectors and 50 nos. of 4 Hole Paddies for connecting ACSR drake conductor required for SGS **EMD: Rs.5,723/-.**

7) Tender No. KPCL/2025-26/IND2437 Date: 18.02.2026 Supply of 01 no. of Dewatering Submersible Pumps for SVP Power Houses. **EMD: Rs.6,600/-.**

8) Tender No. KPCL/2025-26/IND2357/CALL-2 Date: 19.02.2026 Supply of 160 nos. of Telephone push button type and 200 nos. of PB telephone junction box required for SVP Power Houses. **EMD: Rs.2,686/-.**

Last date and time for receipt of tender: For Sl. No. 3: **02.03.2026 up to 16.30 Hrs**. For Sl. No. 4: **04.03.2026 up to 16.30 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 5 to 8: **06.03.2026 up to 16.30 Hrs**. Further detail can be obtained from the **Executive Engineer (MSP)J**, KPCL, Jogfalls-577435, Dist. Shivamogga. Mobile: 94495 98847. e-mail: eemspj@gmail.com

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Through KPP Portal Only)

BWSSB invites Tenders from Registered Agencies for the following works.

Office of The Chief Engineer (Design&QA), 9th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore-560009.

Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender / EMD (In Rs.)	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & time for Opening of Tender
MIS	BWSSB/EMS/TE/ MS1/AE/233/2025-26 Date: 24.02.2026	Rs. 43,80,000/- / Rs. 87,600/-	04.03.2026 upto 4.00 PM	05.03.2026 at 3.00 PM

Sd/- Executive Engineer (MIS)

The detail regarding the tender & participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/5845/NR/2025-26

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda
(A Government of India Undertaking)

ROSARB
Regional Office Bengaluru South, 4th Floor, Vijaya Towers,41/2, Trinity Circle, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001

POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX IV - Rule 8 (1) 13(4) (FOR MOVABLE PROPERTY)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda, ROSARB Regional Office Bengaluru South, Bengaluru,** under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **05.12.2025** calling upon the **Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/ Mortgagors/ Guarantors, 1) M/s.Kesari Nandana Enterprises,** No.69, Sakalavara Village, Off. Banneraghatta Main Road, Bengaluru-560083. **Represented by its partners, Mrs. Suvarnamma** W/o Mr. B. Nagappa and Mr. Kotresh P.P S/o Mr.Venkatappa, **2) Mrs. Suvarnamma W/o** Sri. B Nagaraja, Residing at Flat No. 65, Appa Reddy Palya, 9th Main, Indiranagar, Bengaluru- 560083, and **also Residing at:** Rampura Village, Kudlgi Taluk, Bellary-583134, 3) Mr. Kotresh, P.P. S/o Sri. Venkatappa, Residing at: 4th Ward, Near Chowdamma Temple, Mallanayakahalli, Kottur, Bellary-583134., to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,25,16,756.66 Paisa (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Six and Paise Sixty Six Only)** as on **31.05.2024** inclusive of interest up to **31.05.2024** in respect of Cash Credit and **Rs.34,57,627/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Seven Only)** as on **25.03.2024** inclusive of interest up to 25.03.2024 in respect of Term Loan, thus in all a sum of **Rs.1,59,74,385.66 Paisa (Rupees One Crore Fifty Nine Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Five and paisa Sixty Six Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **21st February 2026.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for an amount **Rs.1,25,16,756.66 Paisa (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Six and Paisa Sixty Six Only)** as on **31.05.2024** inclusive of interest up to **31.05.2024** in respect of Cash Credit and **Rs.34,57,627/-** (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Seven Only) as on **25.03.2024** inclusive of interest up to **25.03.2024** in respect of Term Loan, thus in all a sum of **(Rs.1,59,74,385.66 Paisa (Rupees One Crore Fifty Nine Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Five and paise Sixty Six Only)** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The details of the Hypothecated items are as under :

1. Turn Table, **2.** Automated slat chain conveyor, **3.** Gravimetric Auger Filter, **4.** TIJ printer, **5.** Extra Auger, **6.** Poder making machine assembly parts, **7.** Powder making machine with vaccume sucker, **8.** Two head linear weigher, **9.** Heavy duty band scler with Nitrogen, **10.** Pulvariser with Vaccum Sucker 40 HP, **11.** Inclained Screw Conveyor, **12** .Induction Sealer, **13.** Collection Table, Lying at No.69, Sakalavara Village, Off. Banneraghatta Main Road, Bengaluru-560083,

Date : 21.02.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Bank of Baroda**

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

Bellandur Branch
No.21, Opp Amba Bajaj, Near Central, Outer Ring Road, Gennext, Bengaluru-560103.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY "APPENDIX-IV-A[See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **16.03.2026 "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account. The details of Borrower/s/ Mortgagor/s/ Guarantor/s/ Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below :

Sl. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/ s	Detail description of the immovable/moveable property with known Encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price, EMD, Last Date of EMD Amount and Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive / Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1	**Sri. Lokesha. K. S** S/o Sri. Srinivasa Reddy. M, Residential Site No.1, Near Sri Chaitanya School, Vyalikaval H.B.C.S Layout, Nagavara Village, Ward No.23, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru-560045. **And also at :** No.45, Near Rama Temple, Kothur, N.Kothur, Chintamani, Chikkaballapur, Karnataka-563125. **And also at :** C/o AGL & T Consultancy Services, No.1, Jhanshi Building, Near Chowdeshwari Garage,Infosys Gate No.7 Road, Konnappana Agraharam, Electronic City, Bengaluru- 560100. **And also at :** No.274/1, 2nd Main Sector-A, Sri Mookambika Nilaya, Basavanagar North, Bengaluru-560034.	**Schedule Property :** All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing Vacant Site No.1, Northern Portion of property bearing No.35/1, Assessment No.35/1, BBMP Khatha No.35/1, formed in Vyalikaval H.B.C.S Layout, Near Sri Chaitanya School, situated at Nagavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, presently comes within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, New BBMP Ward No.23, Bengaluru– 560045, measuring East to West 35 Feet and North to South 41 Feet, totally measuring 1,435 Square Feet and bounded on the: East by: Private Building, West by : Site No.02, North by : Shobha Apartment, South by : Road.	**Rs.98,48,041/-** (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Forty One Only) as on **10.04.2024** inclusive of interest upto **31.12.2023** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as on Possession Notice dated **15.07.2024**	**16.03.2026** From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	Reserve Price: **Rs.84,73,500/-** EMD: **Rs.8,47,350/-** Last Date of EMD Amount: **16.03.2026 (2.00 PM)** Bid Increment Amount: **Rs.50,000/-**	Physical Possession	With Prior Appointment from authorized officer

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and online auction portal https://baanknet.com Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No: 080-25740624 & Mobile: 8617259213

Date: 20.02.2026 Authorised Officer,
Place:- Bengaluru Bank of Baroda

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA).

A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Savitha/ Narayana Swamy V M/ No.1196 Ground Floor, 6th Main Road, Btm Layout, Bangalore-560076/ LBBNG00005473282	As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of Immovable Residential Vacant Site Bearing No. 53/2j/1, Khatha No. 2/53/2J Sites Formed In Property No. 2, Situated At Someshwara Layout, Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Bangalore, Measuring East To West: 30-0 Ft (Thirty Feet) And North To South: 40-0 Ft (Forty Feet) And Totally Measuring 1200 Sqft (One Thousand Two Hundred Square Feet), Presently Coming Within The Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, Ward No. 193, Together With All Appurtenances Whether Situated On, Below or Above The Surface, And Bounded On The: North: Road, South: Property No. 53/2K, East: Property No. 53/2J/2, West: Property No. 53/2H.	08.01.2026 Rs. 22,40,939.00/-	04/12/ 2025
2.	Imran Khan/ Syeeda Fatima Amreema/ No.20/5, Shan E Noor, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Millers Road, Benson Town, Bangalore-560046/ LBBNG00005186457/ LBBNG00005336728/ LBBNG00005186430	A Schedule All That Piece And Parcel of The House Property Bearing No.20 Formerly Known As No.23, Consisting of Ground Plus Form Floor Building, Ward No.63 Pid 92-30-20, Pid No.063-W-0149-9 of Building Shaan-E Noor Situated At 1st Cross, Millers Road, Benson Town, Bangalore- 560046. East To West- 63+31+8.75+16.75/2 Feet. Approximately, North To South-56+68/2 Feet Approximately, In All Measuring 3574 Square. Feet, Site Area With Residential Building Bounded On: East By: Road Known As 1st Cross, West By: Private Property, North By: Property No.24, South By: Property No.19.B Schedule All That Piece And Parcel of The House Property Bearing No.20/5, Ward No.63, Pid 92-30-20/5, of Building Shaan-E-Noor, Fourth Floor, The Portion of The A Schedule Property, Measuring Built Up Area 2950 Square. Feet, And 150 Square Feet, Earmarked Car Parking Area In The Basement Floor And Having All Civic Amenities Situated At 1st Cross, Millers Road, Benson Town, Bangalore 560046. Along With Proportionate Undivided Share, Ownership Right, Title And Interest In The Plot Area of A Schedule Property Which Is Equivalent To 720 Square Feet.	09.01.2026 Rs. 2,36,04,480.97/-	06/12/ 2021
3.	Mohamed Habeeb Ur Rahaman/ Salma Khanum/ No.639/ 1, 1st Cross Al Iqra School Road, Raza Ul Musatfa Nagar, Davangere- 577001/ LBDVG00005935921/ TBDVG00006542456/ LBDVG00005935924/ LBDVG00005964437/ LBDVG00005964439/ TBDVG00006849370	As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of Vacant Site Bearing Site No.14,15,16,17, Door No.639/14,15,16,17, Measuring 80 X 40 Feet, Formed In Re.Survey No.129/1A of Anekonda Village, Davangere Taluk Situated At Anekonda, Davangere City Within The Limits of Davangere City Corporation, Davangere And Bounded By: North:20 Feet Road, South: Site No. 10,11,12,13. East: Property In Re.sy.no.130; West: 30 Feet Common Road	13.01.2026 Rs. 78,87,625.92/-	04/12/ 2025

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: February 25, 2026 Sincerely Authorised Officer,
Place: Bangalore For ICICI Bank Ltd.

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, BASAVA BHAVAN, BANGALORE: 560 001
SC/29/A/3045/2024

APPELLANT: 1. Mrs. Namala Indrani, W/o Mr. Namala Ravinder, Aged about 52 years, Residing at: No. 15-10-196/2, Ramannapet, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh-506002.

RESPONDENT: 1. M/s KSR Properties Private Limited, A Company incorporated and registered under the Companies Act, 1956, Having its registered office at: Durga Arcade, No.5, 1st Floor, MCHS, KV Jayaram Road, Jakkur Layout, Bangalore-560064. Represented by its Managing Director, Mr. Kunduru Ramana Reddy.

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SUBSTITUTE NOTICE U/S 5 RULE 20 OF CPC, 1908 TO THE RESPONDENT No.01

Whereas the Appellant has filed the above appeal Challenging the order passed by the District Consumer Commission, Bangalore 4th Addl. in Complaint No.378/2024, Pronounced by an order dated 29/10/2024. You are hereby notified to appear before this Hon'ble Commission in person or through a pleader or person authorized as per law to answer all the material question of facts and law relating to the Appeal or **04th Day of April Two Thousand and Twenty Six (04/04/2026)** at **10:30 A.M.**

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned above Appeal will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under the hand and seal of this Commission on this 29th day of January Two Thousand an Twenty Six (29/01/2026).

By order of the Commission, ASST. REGISTRAR CUM ASST. ADMN. OFFICER K.S.C.D.R.C, BANGALORE-560001

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that my client **Mr. Geetha. P** is the owner of the property, more particularly described in the schedule herein below **("said property")**. That the said property was originally owned by Mr. Venkataswamy who died on 06.01.2017 leaving behind him Puttama (wife), and their Children Yallappa, Lakshmamma, Rathnamma, Nagamma, Nagaraj, Chandrappa, Ramesh. The during his lifetime Mr. Venkataswamy had executed a Will dated 11.07.2011 wherein he bequeathed his rights, title and interest over the said property to Chandrappa. That Chandrappa gifted said Property to Govindaraju vide a registered Gift Deed dated 17.08.2021 bearing no. 2200/2021-22, who subsequently gifted the said Property to my client Geetha. P. That the said Will dated 11.07.2011 of Venkataswamy is his last Will and the same is still effective and in existence and not challenged by any of legal heirs/third party/ies and my client is the absolute owner of the said Property.

All those persons/ entities having any rights, title, interest, share, claim, demand whatsoever in respect of the said property or any parts or by way of sale, mortgage, transfer, exchange, gift, bequest, trust, inheritance, tenancy, sub-tenancy, leave and license, care taker basis, possession, family arrangement/ settlement, decree or order of any Court of Law, Contracts/agreements, encumbrance, lis pendens, and/or any commitment or otherwise howsoever into , over or upon the said property are hereby required to give notice thereof in writing together with the supporting documents and particulars of any such right or claim to the undersigned advocate, within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the claim, if any, shall be deemed to have been released or waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.8 Northern Portion, BBMP Katha No.2/1, Situated at Nyanappanahalli Village, Beguru Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring East to west : 17 Feet and North to south 60, in all measuring 1020 Sq,ft bounded on **East by:** empty Space and Govt School **West by:** Remaining Property Sy No.2/1, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Remaining Property Sy No.2/1. If anyone finding the aforesaid document is hereby requested to handover the same to our office at the address mentioned hereunder.

HARISHA .S, Advocate
 # 1479. DRLS PLAZA.
UNION BANK BUILDING. T DASARAHALLI,
Bengaluru-560057. Mob No. 9060950265.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my client is intending to purchase the schedule property belonging to Smt.Vanitha Vijayakumar, Wife of late Vijayakumar, Daughter of late Sundara Murthy, Aged about 48 years and Sri.Vijay Sundaramurthy, Son of late Sundara Murthy, Aged about 44 years, both are residing at No:2404, Twenty Sixth Main, Fifteenth 'A' Cross, First Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore – 560 102;

Any, person, having any claim over the schedule property claiming through the predecessors in title or any other person, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by speed post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within 10 (ten) days hereof, failing which my client will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client;

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of entire property bearing Municipal No.1985/2404 (earlier site bearing BDA No.2404, situated at Hosur Sarjapur Road Layout, Sector I), now situated at Fifteenth 'A' Cross, Twenty Sixth Main, Sector I, HSR Layout, Bangalore, within the limits and administration of Bangalore South Nagara Palike, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No:174-HSR Layout, EPID No.6235662016, together with structures standing thereon and bounded on the:

East by : Site bearing BDA No.2403/C;
West by : Site bearing BDA No.2405;
North by : Road;
South by : Site bearing BDA Nos.2401 and 2402;

MEASURING: East to West: 9.14 mtrs.; North to South: 12.19 mtrs.;
In all admeasuring 111.41 sq.mtrs.;

N S RACHANA
N C JANARDHAN, ADVOCATES
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Dt:24-02-2026

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, BASAVA BHAVAN, BANGALORE: 560 001
SC/29/A/3044/2024

APPELLANT: 1. Mrs. Namala Indrani, W/o Mr. Namala Ravinder, Aged about 52 years, Residing at: No. 15-10-196/2, Ramannapet, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh-506002.

RESPONDENT: 1. M/s KSR Properties Private Limited, A Company incorporated and registered under the Companies Act, 1956, Having its registered office at: Durga Arcade, No.5, 1st Floor, MCHS, KV Jayaram Road, Jakkur Layout, Bangalore-560064. Represented by its Managing Director, Mr. Kunduru Ramana Reddy.

To, **01. M/s KSR Properties Private Limited,** A Company incorporated and registered under the Companies Act, 1956, Having its registered office at: Durga Arcade, No.5, 1st Floor, MCHS, KV Jayaram Road, Jakkur Layout, Bangalore-560064. Represented by its Managing Director, Mr. Kunduru Ramana Reddy.

SUBSTITUTE NOTICE U/S 5 RULE 20 OF CPC, 1908 TO THE RESPONDENT No.01

Whereas the Appellant has filed the above appeal Challenging the order passed by the District Consumer Commission, Bangalore 4th Addl. in Complaint No.377/2024, Pronounced by an order dated 29/10/2024. You are hereby notified to appear before this Hon'ble Commission in person or through a pleader or person authorized as per law to answer all the material question of facts and law relating to the Appeal or **04th Day of April Two Thousand and Twenty Six (04/04/2026)** at **10:30 A.M.**

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned above Appeal will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under the hand and seal of this Commission on this 29th day of January Two Thousand an Twenty Six (29/01/2026).

By order of the Commission, ASST. REGISTRAR CUM ASST. ADMN. OFFICER K.S.C.D.R.C, BANGALORE-560001

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public, Financial institutions, Banks, that my client Smt.SARASWATHI **is negotiating with** SRI MANNUR CHANDRASEKARAN EKAMBARAM AND 10 OTHERS **, for purchase of (1) Old No.29-B/4, New No.75, BBMP PID No.79-43-75, New E-PID No. 1004804538, (2) Old No.29-B/5, New No.74, BBMP PID No.79-43-74, New E-PID No. 1004982003 (3) Old No.29-B/2, New No.76, BBMP PID No.79-43-76, New E-PID No. 8999940929,** all **situated at situated at Infantry Road, Civil Station Bangalore, morefully set out hereunder in the schedule, from its present owners, the schedule property was acquired by Sri M.J.Chandrashekaran, Sri M.J.Gurunathan, Sri M.J.Sundareshan and Smt.Sarathammal vide Family partition deed dated 30-07-1958, registered as Doc. No. 1096/58-59, Book-I, Vol.No.985, at Pages 206-210 before the Sub Registrar, Bangalore Civil Station. The Vendors have represented that they are the only surviving legal heirs and have a clear and marketable title to it and is free from all types of encumbrances and claims etc.**

Any person/ persons, firms, Banks, financial institutions asserting any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property and or has any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claim and or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within **Seven days** hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my clients will proceed to complete the Sale transactions with the owner subject to legal formalities. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of house property bearing Old No.29-B/4, New No.75, BBMP PID No.79-43-75, New E-PID No. 1004804538, Ward No. 110, Measuring East to West 36 feet & North to South 42.3 feet, Totally measuring 1522.80 Square feet, along with 850 Sq. feet R.C.C Roofed building situated at Infantry Road, Civil Station Bangalore and bounded on:-

East by : Premises No.27-A and 28 West by : Open Space & Premises No.1
North by : Premises No.29/B-5 South by : Smt.Shakuntalammal's property

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of vacant site bearing Old No.29-B/5, New No.74, BBMP PID No.79-43-74, New E-PID No. 1004982003, Ward No. 110, Measuring East to West 42.3 feet & North to South 33 feet, Totally measuring 1395.9 Square feet, situated at Infantry Road, Civil Station Bangalore and bounded on:-

East by : Premises No.27-A and 28 West by : Open Space & Premises No.1
North by : Premises No.29/B-2 South by : Premises No.29/B-4

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Old No.29-B/2, New No.76, BBMP PID No.79-43-76, New E-PID No. 8999940929, Ward No. 110, Measuring East to West 42.3 feet & North to South 33.5 feet, Totally measuring 1395.9 Square feet, situated at Infantry Road, Civil Station, Bangalore and bounded on:-

East by : Premises No.27-A West by : Premises No.1
North by : Premises No.2 South by : Premises No.29/B-5

V.SHANKAR
Advocate & Legal Consultant
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Bangalore
Date: 22-02-2026

यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया **Union Bank** of India
भारत सरकार का उपक्रम A Government of India Undertaking

Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North, # 10/4, 1st Floor , Mithra Towers, Kasturba Road, Bangalore-560001. Mobile: 9825766633, Mail ID:arb.bengalurunorth@unionbankofindia.bank.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 15 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, Possession which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India (secured Creditor) will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is basis"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

1. Branch : Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North : Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (1) M/s.Siddartha Enterprises, Proprietor: Mrs. A Eshwari, No-122-49, 27th Cross.7th Block, Jaya Nagar, Bangalore-560082 **(2) Mrs. A Eshwari ,** W/o Mohan Raj, No-122-49, 27th Cross.7th Block, Jaya Nagar, Bangalore-560082. **Guarantor : (3) Mrs. K Shashikala,** # 53, 9th Cross, 13th Main, J P Nagar, Bangalore-560078.

Amount due: Rs. 3,22,60,866.82 (Rupees Three Crores Twenty two Lakhs Sixty Thousand Eight hundred sixty six and paise Eighty two only) as on interest debited till **31.01.2026** + Future interest + Other expenses.

Description of Property : Property No-1 : All that piece and parcel of Ground Floor, in Block 'C' being the Eastern Wing of the Middle Building in the Main Schedule (All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No. 122/49, 27th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560082, measuring East to West 77 feet and North to South 120 feet consisting of Three Blocks of building, namely 1) MAIN BUILDING 2) REAR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING 3) MIDDLE BUILDING) having a built up area approx. 700 sq ft together with an undivided 1/5 th share right, title, interest in the land measuring East to West 29 feet, North to South 24 feet situated in between the Main Building and Rare Residential portion including Common amenities Situated at Property bearing 122/49, 27th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560082. The Property comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, New BBMP Khatha No. 122-49/7 owned by Mrs A Eswari and bounded on : East by : Site no 123 & 123 A, West by: Same property Block D, North by : Main Building, South by : Same property Block A.

Property No-2 : All that piece and parcel of Second Floor, in the Middle Building, Commercial Portion in Block 'C' being the Eastern Wing and Block D being the Western Wing together situated in between the Main Building and Rear Residential Building portion building in the Main Schedule (All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No. 122/49, 27th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560082, measuring East to West 77 feet and North to South 120 feet consisting of Three Blocks of building, namely 1) MAIN BUILDING 2) REAR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING 3) MIDDLE BUILDING) having a build up area approx. 1400 sq ft together with an undivided 1/5 th share right, title, interest in the land measuring East to West 60 feet, North to south 24 feet including common amenities situated at Property bearing No 122/49 ,27th Cross ,7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore -560082. The Property comes under the Limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, New BBMP Khatha No. 122-49/11 owned by Mrs. A Eswari and bounded on : East by : Site no 123 & 123 A, West by : 10 ft passage, North by : Main Building, South by : Same property Block A & B.

Property No-3 : All that piece and parcel of Ground Floor, , Residential Portion in Block 'A' being the Eastern Wing of the Rear Residential Building in the Main Schedule (All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No. 122/49, 27th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560082, measuring East to West 77 feet and North to South 120 feet consisting of Three Blocks of building, namely 1) MAIN BUILDING 2) REAR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING 3) MIDDLE BUILDING) having a build up area approx. 1300 sq ft together with an undivided 1/5 th share right, title, interest in the land measuring East to west 38.6 ft, North to south 32 ft in Block 'A' including Common Amenities Situated at Property bearing No. 122/49, 27th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560082, The property comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike owned by Mrs A Eswari and bounded on : East by : Site No.123 & 123/A, West by : Same property Block B, North by : Same property Block C, South by : Site No 113.

Property No- 4: All that piece and parcel of portion of the First Floor, Portion bearing Municipal No 122/49-9.BBMP PID no-59-85-49/9 in the Middle Building being Block 'D' Western Wing, measuring East to West 30 ft and North to south 24 ft having a built up area of 720 Sq feet in Block 'D' in the property bearing No 122/49-9 ,27th Cross , 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560070 together with the 1/5 th share , right, title, interest in the said property owned by Mrs A Eswari and bounded on : East by : Balcony & Site No.123 & 123A, West by : M.S Vasudeva"s portion in Block C, North by : Main Building and 27th Cross Road, South by : M S Girija"s Portion in Block 'B'.

	Reserve Price	EMD	Bid Multiplier
Property No-1	Rs. 23,00,000/-	Rs. 2,30,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-
Property No-2	Rs. 41,00,000/-	Rs. 4,10,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-
Property No-3	Rs. 41,00,000/-	Rs. 4,10,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-
Property No-4	Rs. 21,00,000/-	Rs. 2,10,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-

Type of Possession : Physical Possession

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor: Nil.

2. Branch: Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North: Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (1) (a) Zareen Taj W/o Mr.Abdul Gaffar, Flat No.301, 3rd Floor, "DIVINE TERRACE" Apartment, 5th cross , Near Masjid, Behind Leela Palace, Old Airport Main Road, Kodlhalli, Bangalore-560017. **(1) (b).Mr.Naved Pasha,** S/o Mr.Abdul Gaffar, Flat No.301, 3rd Floor, "DIVINE TERRACE" Apartment, 5th cross , Near Masjid, Behind Leela Palace, Old Airport Main Road, Kodlhalli, Bangalore-560017.

Amount due: Rs. 51,51,889.74 (Rupees Fifty one lakh fifty one thousand eight hundred eighty nine and paise seventy four only) as on interest debited till **30.11.2025** + Future interest + Other expenses.

Description of Property : Schedule A Property : All that Part and Parcel of immovable property bearing bearing New No.19, Old No.38, BBMP Khatha No.74-41-19 situated Near Masjid Kodihalli, within the limits of BBMP, Ward No.74, Bangalore measuring East to West 65 feet and North to south 32 feet totally measuring 2080 sq. ft bounded by : East by : Masjid Road, West by: Road, North by :Site No.16, South by: Masjid.

Schedule B Property : (Description of flat and Undivided share) : All that Part and Parcel of Residential Flat No 301 situated on the 3rd Floor having Municipal No 19/6, PID No 74-41-19 in the Apartment building known as "DIVINE TERRACE" situated at behind Leela Palace Off Old Airport main road HAL 3rd stage Kodihalli Village Bengaluru 560008. with 900 sq. ft of SBA along with 192 sq. ft of undivided Share together with one covered Parking space. Bounded on : East By : Open to Sky, West By : Entrance & Flat No.302, North By : Open to Sky, South By : Open to Sky.

Reserve Price : Rs. 40,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 4,00,000/- Bid Multiplier : Rs.50,000/-

Type of Possession : Physical Possession

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor: Nil.

3. Branch: Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North: Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (1) M/s Ravi Enterprises Prop- N Ravi Kumar, No-140, 1 St Main,Annjenaya Temple Road, Avalahalli, Bangalore-560026. **(2) Mr N Ravi Kumar** S/o S Nagaraj, No-127/1 Ankantheshwara Nilaya, 1 Cross 1 main, Pramod Layout, Bangalore-560039. **(3) Mr Anil G,** No.20, 19 th Main Road, Ganesh Temple Road, Girinagar Bengaluru 560085. **(4) Mrs Komala H P** W/o N Ravikumar, No-127/1 Ankantheshwara Nilaya, 1 Cross 1 main ,Pramod Layout, Bangalore-560039.

Amount due: Rs. 2,14,09,977.52 (Rupees Two Crore Fourteen lakh nine thousand nine hundred seventy seven and paise fifty two only) as on **31.01.2026** + Future interest + Other expenses.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold : All that piece and parcel of the Residential land & Building property bearing Khata no 53, Site no.127/1 situated at Pantharapalya, Pattanagere (Rajarajeshwari CMC) Kengari, Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk, Measuring East to West 55 ft ,North to South 35 ft, in all measuring 1925 Sq feet owned by Mr N Ravikumar and property bounded on the: East by : Road, West by : Property No 122, North by : Property No 126/1, South by : Property no 128/1.

Reserve Price : Rs. 1,52,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 15,20,000/- Bid Multiplier : Rs.2,00,000/-

Type of Possession : Physical Possession

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor: Nil.

4. Branch : Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North : Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: Borrower: 1(a). Mr G Manjunatha S/o Mr Govindappa, No 31, 11th Cross, Papareddy Palya, BBMP Office, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560072. **Alternate Address :** M/s Davangere Benne Dosa, 80 Ft Road, 2nd Block, Chandra Layout Maruthi Nagar, Bengaluru - 560072, **1(b). Mrs Nancy Sulochana** W/o Mr G Manjunatha, No 31, 11th Cross, Papareddy Palya, BBMP Office, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560072.

Amount due: Rs 78,90,306.37 (Rupees Seventy-Eight Lac Ninty Thousand Three hundred six and Paise Thirty seven only) as on interest debited till **31-01-2026** + Future interest + Other expenses.

Description of Property : SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No 15, Property No.60/4, Khata No 234 situated at Doddabidarakallu Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk now comes under the limits of BBMP Bengaluru measuring East to West 47 feet and North to South 55 feet, totally measuring 2585 square feet and bounded on: East by : Site No 16, West : Others Property, North : Road, South : Halla.

Reserve Price : Rs. 1,00,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 10,00,000/- Bid Multiplier : Rs.1,00,000/-

Type of Possession : Physical Possession

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor: Nil.

5. Branch: Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North: Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: 1(A) M/s Tharun Interiors Prop. Mr. Jagjeevan Tharun, No 17, 1st Cross, Viveknagar Post, Bangalore-560047. **1(B) Mr. Jagjeevan Tharun** S/o Jagjeevan, D No:9-59, Kammapalle VTC: Thanebanda, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh-517004.

Amount due: Rs. 47,07,041.39 (Rupees Forty-Seven Lakh Seven Thousand Forty One and paise thirty nine only) as on interest debited till **31.01.2026** + Future interest + Other expenses.

Description of Property: Vacant Site No.26, Khata No. 26 & 57, Singena Agrahara Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Comes under Muthanahalli Village Panchayath, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560100. And property in the name of Mr. Jagjeevan Tharun Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1200 Sq.ft and Bounded by: East: Site No.11, West : Road, North: Site No 25, South: Site No 27.

Reserve Price : Rs. 38,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 3,80,000/- Bid Multiplier : Rs. 50,000/-

Type of Possession : Physical Possession

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor : Nil.

6. Branch: Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North: Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: 1(A) M/s Vennela Infra Prop. Ms. Vennela D/o K David, No 6, North Street, A Cross, Neelasandra, Bangalore-560047. **1(B) Ms. Vennela** D/o K David, D No: 9-66/1, Kammapalle HW, VTC: Thanebanda, Chittoor District Andhra Pradesh-517004.

Amount due: Rs. 46,92,486.11(Rupees Forty-six Lakh Ninty two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty six and Paise Eleven only) as on interest debited till **31.01.2026** + Future interest + Other expenses.

Description of Property: Vacant Site No.24, Property No 24, Form 9 and 11, Sl. No 119, Situated at Singena Agrahara Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, Comes under Muthanahalli Village Panchayat limits, Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1200 Sq.ft in the name of Ms. Vennela and Bounded by: East : Site No. 13, West : Road, North: Site No. 23, South: Site No. 25.

Reserve Price : Rs. 38,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 3,80,000/- Bid Multiplier : Rs. 50,000/-

Type of Possession : Physical Possession

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor : Nil.

7. Branch: Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North: Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: Estate of the deceased borrower Mr. Mahesh. L Represented by Legal heirs: (a) Mrs. Devaki W/o Late Mahesh L, No.1760, 4th Cross, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Hennur Main Road, Bangalore-560084. **(b) Ms. Pujitha Narayan** D/o Late Mahesh L, **(c) Master Nishanth Surya** S/o Late Mahesh L **Both Minor Children (b) & (c) represented by their Mother and Natural Guardian (a) : Minor Children's represented by Guardian :- Mrs. Devaki** W/o Late Mahesh L, No.1760, 4th Cross, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Hennur Main Road, Bangalore-560084. **Guarantors : (a) Mr. Harish Kumar** S/o Mr. Lakshmi Narayana, No.25, 4th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003. **Alternate address :** No.442, New No 38, 11th Main, Sadashivnagar, R M V Extension, Bangalore-560080. **(b) Mrs. Rathnamma** W/o Mr. Lakshmi Narayana, No.25, 4th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003.

Amount due: Rs. 4,74,84,805.12 (Rupees Four crore seventy four lakh eighty four thousand eight hundred five and paise twelve only) as on **31.01.2026** and further interest/cost/expenses thereon.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All that piece and parcel of a portion of the Commercial Property bearing Old Survey No.43, New Survey No.43/2, of Hanumanthapura Village, Bangalore Taluk, then Corporation Municipal No.230, thereafter Corporation Municipal No.174, Subedar Chatram Road, Bangalore City, Now corporation Municipal No.174/2, Nataka Rathana Gubbi Veeranna Road, Corporation Ward No.27, P I D No.27-13-174/2, Bangalore, (being Commercial Property), measuring on the East: 141'(One Hundred and Forty One Feet), On the West: 145' (One Hundred and Forty Five Feet), On the North : 40'(Forty Feet) and on the South: 13' (Thirteen Feet) and bounded as follows. East by : 13 feet Road, West by : Portion of the property bearing Old Survey No.43, New Survey No.43/2, belonging to Sri N Balakrishnaiah, North by : Subedar Chatram Road, South by : Property comprised in old Survey No.43, New Survey No.43/2, belonging to Sri M O Parthasarathy.

Reserve Price : Rs.5,02,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 50,20,000/- Bid Multiplier : Rs. 2,00,000/-

Type of Possession : Physical Possession

Details of Stay / Status Quo/ Litigation pending against the property, if any, known to the secured creditor in Courts/Tribunals etc. : SA/662/2025 & SA/2/2026 before Hon'ble DRT-1, Bengaluru. WP/31103/2025 and WP/36619/2025 before Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka

8. Branch : Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North : Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (1) Mr. Inayatullah Abdurahaman Askari S/o Abdurahaman Askari, No. 37/1, Askari House, Dongerpally, Bhatkal, Karwar, Karnataka-581320. **(2) Co-Obligant/Guarantors (Also GPA Holder) : Syed Mustaheeb** S/o Syed Mohsin Bafakki, No.13, 2nd Floor, 5th Main Road, Opp. CSI Church, JC Nagar, Bengaluru Urban - 560006.

Amount due: Rs. 3,94,79,492.43 (Rupees Three crore ninety four lakh seventy nine thousand four hundred ninety two and paise forty three Only) as on **31.01.2026** + Future interest + Other expenses.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold : SCHEDULE -A: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing converted Sy.No 119/2 , Present Khatha No. 92/180 (Converted vide the conversion order dated 21.10.2011, No ALN (A) (S.H) SR:98a/2011-12 issued by the Deputy Commissioner , Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at S.Madehalli Village , Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District Measuring about 1 Acre 32 Guntas and bounded on : East by : Property bearing Sy.No 119/3, West by : Property bearing Sy.No 119/1, North by : Road, South by : Property bearing Sy.No 117.

SCHEDULE -B: (Property hereby acquired by the borrower): An Undivided 2314.15 square feet right title and interest in schedule "A" Property.

SCHEDULE -C: (Description of the Villament corresponding to the acquisition of schedule "A" Property): Villament bearing No. 180/1A also known as "A" presently having RDPR PID NO.150200102701020432, in the project known as "VAISHNAVI ANANTYA" constructed in the schedule " A " property with 5079 square feet of super built up area, (built up area / plinth area is 3780.59 square feet) consisting of basement , Ground, First and Second Floors with vitrified flooring, together with covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas in the Villament Project constructed over Schedule 'A' property along with in exempted amenities. The said villament bearing No. 180/1A also known also known as "A", is bounded on: East by : Boulevard Mayur Daffodils, West by : Villament No 180/14B, North by : Passage Gated Community, South by : Villament No : 180/2A.

Name of the Property Owner: Inayatullah Abdurahman Askari

Reserve Price : Rs.1,72,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 17,20,000/- Bid Multiplier : Rs.2,00,000/-

Type of Possession : Physical Possession

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor : Nil.

9. Branch: Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North: Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (1) M/s Ajith Civil Contractor Prop. Mr. Prabhudas Ajith Kishore S/o Mr. K Prabhudass, No. 445, 14th Main, 17th Cross, Ejipura, Viveknagar post Bengaluru 560047. **(2) Mr. Prabhudas Ajith Kishore** S/o K Prabhudass, No: 9-1, Kammapalle HW Thanebanda, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh-517004. **Alternate Address:** Site No: 25, Katha No: 57, Sl No: 325, Singena Agrahara Village Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk Muthanallur Village Panchayat Limits, Bangalore-560100.

Amount due: Rs. 46,26,105.71(Rupees Forty six Lakh Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred five and Paise seventy only) as on interest debited till **31.01.2026** + Future interest + Other expenses.

Description of Property: Schedule 'A' Property : All that piece and parcel of property bearing vacant Site No.25, as per form 9 &11, Sl. No. 325, Khatha No.57, Situated at Singena Agrahara Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, comes under Muthanallur Village panchayat Limits, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet in all totally measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded by: East by : Site No. 12, West by : Road, North by : Site No.24, South by : Site No. 26. **Property owner Name: Mr. P Ajith Kishore.**

Reserve Price : Rs.36,00,000/- EMD : Rs.3,60,000/- Bid Multiplier : Rs. 50,000/-

Type of Possession : Physical Possession

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor : Nil.

Invariably, the first bid of the property/ies will be Reserve Price + one Increment. This amount will be the minimum bid amount to participate in bidding process.

The intending bidders should make their own independent enquiry regarding the encumbrances, any pending court cases against the property, title of the property put to auction and the claims / rights/ dues affecting the property, such as Electricity Bill, Water Bill, Pending CAM Charges, Pending Charges with respect to Association, Transfer of Khata and Property Tax etc., prior to submitting their bid. Once the sale is confirmed / Auction is concluded no request will be considered for cancellation of the sale/ refund of the sale price paid by H1 bidder, whatsoever.

It is to be Noted that a successful bidder has to make his own arrangement for getting the E - Khatha & subsequent registration of sale certificate

Account bearing Number 800001980050000 A/C Name : Inward RTGS IFSC Code : UBIN0580007

For auction related queries e-mail to eauctionhelpdesk@unionbankofindia.bank or arb.bengalurunorth@unionbankofindia.bank or contact Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North, #10/4, 1st Floor, Mithra Towers, Kasturba Road, Bangalore-560001. Chief Manager Mr. Cyril Monteiro,Contact No. 9825766633.

Last date of EMD submission:
On or before the commencement of e-auction
Date & Time of E-auction: 13.03.2026 (Friday)
from 12.00 P.M to 5.00 P.M with 10 min unlimited auto extensions

Note: (1) The intending purchaser required to register through https://baanknet.com (Buyer Registration – link provided in the home page of the website)
The amount of EMD (10%) should be paid through the Website https://baanknet.com and the balance amount of sale price should be paid through the Account Number mentioned in the Sale Notice. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided as mentioned below banks website and e-auction agent website. Digital Signature is not mandatory.

www.unionbankofindia.co.in | https://baanknet.com

Date: 24.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India.

BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Special Division, 2nd Floor, 19th Main, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010.

No. EE/SD/TEND/02/2025-26 Date: 24-02-2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

Short Term Tender Notification - Two Cover System (Only through GoK KPP Portal)

The Executive Engineer, Special Division, BWCC, Bengaluru on behalf the Commissioner, BWCC invites Tenders from eligible contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Govt. Organisations for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Repair and Maintenance of Multi Speciality Hospital in MC Layout at Govindarajanagara Constituency.
	Estimate Cost : **Rs. 30.00 lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 60,000/-.**
2	Repair and Maintenance of Govindarajanagara Referral Hospital in Govindarajanagara Constituency.
	Estimate Cost : **Rs. 25.00 lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 50,000/-.**
3	Repair and Maintenance of Dhobi Ghat and other fixed assets in Rajajinagar Constituency.
	Estimate Cost : **Rs. 24.50 lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 49,000/-.**
4	Repair and Maintenance of Dhobi Ghat and other fixed assets in Malleshwaram Constituency.
	Estimate Cost : **Rs. 24.50 lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 49,000/-.**

Period of completion : **06 months** for each work.

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 24.02.2026 from 4.00 pm. (2)** Date of Pre-bid meeting **: 26.02.2026 at 4.00 pm. (3)** Last date & time for receipt of tender : **04.03.2026 upto 4.00 pm. (4)** Date of opening of technical bid : **06.03.2026 at 4.30 pm. (5)** Date of opening of Financial bid : **07.03.2026 at 4.30 pm (if possible).** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Special Division, BWCC

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP portal only)

KPTCL invites bids through E-Procurement mode for the following works:

No.CEE/Tr(Op)Z/HSN/SEE (O)/AEE-5/F-72&73/2025-26/14337-40 Date: 23.02.2026

(1) Tender No. KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3378. Combined package for "Providing **12.1kV class 2.9MVAr Capacitor Banks** at various stations such as **220kV Yachenahally, 66/11 kV Hirisave, 66/11 kV Holenarasipura and 66/11 kV Hangarahally** in Channarayapatna and Holenarasipura taluk, Hassan district Karnataka state on **Partial Turnkey Basis".**

(2) Tender No. KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3376. Combined package of the following works on **Total Turnkey Basis** including supply of all materials/equipments and erection(incuding Civil works) of all materials/equipments, testing & commissioning:

i. Erection of **one (01) number intermediate tower of 110kV DB+0, DC AEQUS design in the existing 66kV Udayapura- Attichowdenhally LILO DC line between tower No.05-06 increase ground clearance** pertaining to Operation Division, KPTCL, Holenarsipura.

ii. Erection of **one No. of 220 KV D/C, DA+3, type intermediate tower (KPTCL - 2D - Gadag-Bagalkot Design)** in existing **220 kV Gopalapura - Kadavinakote DC line** between location number **34 & 35 (01) span to increasing ground clearance** in TLM Section, Holenarasipura, TLM Sub-Division, Holenarasipura.

(3) Tender No. KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3372 for Replacement of faulty/age-old trouble-some/deteriorated 66kV circuit breakers at **66/11 kV Udayapura, Arkalgudu and Ramanathapura MUSSes** in Channarayapatna & Arkalgudu Taluk,Hassan District, Karnataka State on Total Turnkey Basis.

No.CEE/Tr(Op)Z/HSN/SEE(O)/AEE-2/FA-55/2025-26/14441-44 Date: 24.02.2026

(4) Tender No. KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3385 for Providing additional 1X10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer at 110/11kV **Hulikal** substation in Hosanagara Taluk Shivamogga District on PTK basis.
Note: 10 MVA PTR and 11kV switchgear will be supplied by KPTCL for above works.

The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the e-Tendering process can be obtained by logging on to website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on hyper link "tenders" on or after **25.02.2026 @ 11:00 Hrs. (Sl. No. 1 to 3) and 26.02.2026 (Sl. No. 4). 25.02.2026.** Other details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-, Chief Engineer (Elec).,
Transmission (Operation) Zone KPTCL, 3rd Floor, Prasarana Bhavana, Santhepete, B.M. Road, Hassan-573201.

THE MALNAD ARECA MARKETING CO-OP. SOCIETY LTD.,

A.P.M.C.Yard, Sagar Road, Shimoga-577 204 (KARNATAKA)
Ph.08182-250513/14, 250881, E-mail: ho@mamcos.info
website:www.mamcos.info

MAMCOS/HO/STATS/38/2025-26/1764 Date: 24.02.2026

INVITING TENDER APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF SPRAY CHEMICALS

Sealed Tenders are invited from **Manufacturers /qualified supplier** for Supply of following materials

1	**Copper Sulphate**	Metric Ton
	a) Copper Sulphate (Crystals)	100 MT
	b) Copper Sulphate (Powder)	200 MT
2	**Rosin paste**	80 MT
3	**Spray Lime** (10KG PACKING)	250 MT
4	**Hydreated lime** (1KG PAKCING)	130 MT

The last date for submitting quotation shall be on or before **09/03/2026**, for more information kindly visit **www.mamcos.info**

Date: 24.02.2026 Place: Shivamogga **Sd/- Managing director**

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Undertaking)
HIDCO BHABAN, Premises No. 35-1111, Biswa Bangla Sarani, 3rd Rotary, New Town, Kolkata-700156

Abridged Notice for e-Auction

Memo No. C – 85 / HIDCO / Admn - 4417 /2025 Date 23.02.2026

e-Auction ID & Dt.	PLOT NO.	PLOT SIZE	PURPOSE	E-AUCTION DATE	LAST DATE OF APPLICATION
2026_WB_5476 Dt. 20.02.2026 (2nd Call)	PLOT NO. IIB/44 IN ACTION AREA II OF NEW TOWN, KOLKATA	0.258 Acres	Residential	19.03.2026	13.03.2026 up to 14:00 hrs.
2026_WB_5478 Dt. 20.02.2026 (2nd Call)	PLOT NO. IIB/1484 IN ACTION AREA II OF NEW TOWN, KOLKATA	0.550 Acres	Residential	19.03.2026	13.03.2026 up to 14:00 hrs.
2026_WB_5479 Dt. 20.02.2026 (2nd Call)	PLOT NO. IIB/67 IN ACTION AREA II OF NEW TOWN, KOLKATA	0.345 Acres	Residential	19.03.2026	13.03.2026 up to 14:00 hrs.
2026_WB_5480 Dt. 20.02.2026 (2nd Call)	PLOT NO. IIIE/12 IN ACTION AREA III OF NEW TOWN, KOLKATA	7.210 Acres	Residential/ Commercial/ Mix of both	30.03.2026	23.03.2026 up to 14:00 hrs.
2026_WB_5481 Dt. 20.02.2026 (2nd Call)	PLOT NO. IIIF/26 IN ACTION AREA III OF NEW TOWN, KOLKATA	4.830 Acres	Residential/ Commercial/ Mix of both	30.03.2026	23.03.2026 up to 14:00 hrs.
2026_WB_5482 Dt. 20.02.2026 (2nd Call)	PLOT NO. IIIF/3 IN ACTION AREA III OF NEW TOWN, KOLKATA	1.690 Acres	Commercial	30.03.2026	23.03.2026 up to 14:00 hrs.

For details, please visit https://eauction.gov.in or www.wbhidcoltd.com
Contact no :- 2324-6032/6037/6038

ICA-T5336(4)/2026

General Manager (Commercial)
WBHIDCO Ltd.

ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ

ಎಸ್.ಎನ್. ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ನಗರ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಎದುರು, 'ಡಿ' ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ- 561203

ಸಂ.: DPA/TP/CLU/80/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.02.2026

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1961 ರ ಕಲಂ 14(ಎ) ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ' ವಲಯದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ' ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ಜಮೀನಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 15 ದಿನಗಳ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು (RTC ರನ್ನಯ)	ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು	ಹೋಬಳಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ	ಸ.ನಂ	ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಎ-ಗು)	ಬಿಐಎಎಪಿಎ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಮಹಾಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಭೂಉಪಯೋಗ	ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿರುವ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ
1.	ಶ್ರೀ ಸುಜಿತ್‌ಕುಮಾರ ಬಿನ್ ಅಶ್ವಥರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಪ್ರತಾಪ್.ಸಿ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್	ಯಲಹಂಕ	ಹೆಸರುಘಟ್ಟ–1	ಮತ್ತಕೂರು	53/5	0–38	ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ	ವಸತಿ

ಷರಾ: ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿತ ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಕಾನೂನುಬದ್ಧವಾದ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳು ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ನಡೆಯುವಾಗ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಕೂಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ದೊರಕುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯಿಂದ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತಲಿನ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಸಹಕಾರಿಯಾಗಲಿದೆ. ಯೋಜನಾ ಬದ್ಧವಾದ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ರಚನೆಯಿಂದ ಉತ್ತಮ ರಸ್ತೆ, ನಾಗರಿಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ಜಾಗಗಳು, ಉದ್ಯಾನವನಗಳು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಉಪಯೋಗಕ್ಕೆ ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ಅಂಶವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ' ವಲಯದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ' ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಜಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HERERBY GIVEN THAT the land owners as mentioned under with have represented that they are the owners of the properties to the extent as mentioned it is brought to the Notice of the General Public that my client has negotiated and agreed to purchase the schedule properties from the said land owners. All person/ persons claiming or having any claim against or to the schedule properties or any part thereof by way of inheritance, Mortgage, Sale, Conveyance, JV, MOU, agreement to Sell, transfer, lease deed, tenancy, license, lean, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the under signed within 07 days from the date of publication hereof failing which my client shall proceed to register the sale deeds without any reference to such claim and the same, if any will be considered as waived.

Sl No	Village	Name of Land Owners	Sy No	Extant
1	Bommavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District	K C Narendra bin late Chandrappa & others	120/3 121/2	00 Acre 13 Guntas 00 Acre 11.08 Guntas out of 23 Guntas
2		Annapoorna kom late Hemanth kumar & others	121/1B	00 Acre 07.04 Guntas out of 21.12
3		Sundaresh bin Chikka Anjinappa & others	121/5 121/6	00 Acre 07.04 Guntas 00 Acre 03.04 Guntas
4		Anjineya bin late Hanumanthrayappa	130/1	00 Acre 23 Guntas
5		Y C Ramesh bin Y C Channarasappa	130/3A	01 Acre 01 Guntas
6		Muniyappa bin late Hanumanthrayappa	130/9	00 Acre 23 Guntas
7		Kumar bin Doddamariyappa	109/2	00 Acre 19.4 Guntas

Bangalore
Date: 25/02/2026

H S HAYATH KHAN
B.COM., LL.B., Advocate
No.106/39, 41st Cross East End C Main Road,
9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560069
080 41410269 / 9448250902, 9740919019

IDBI BANK

IDBI Bank Limited, Retail Asset Centre
No 12, 1st Floor, Siddhi Plaza, Between 8th & 9th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003, Karnataka.

Order by the Competent Authority

GVG Infrastructure Private Limited, (formerly known as CMRS Infrastructure Private Limited). No 589, 3rd floor, Above SBI, C-Block, AECS Layout, Brooke field, Kundalahalli, Bangalore–560 037.

In the matter of classification of **GVG Infrastructure Private Limited**, (formerly known as CMRS Infrastructure Private Limited), (Builder) and its Promoter & Executive Director as FRAUD for development and construction of residential apartments in project name "Mulberry Mist" (now known as Grandeur Park) situated at Varthur Village, Varthur, Bangalore–560037. Notice is hereby given to the persons mentioned below that the Order issued by the Bank in terms of RBI Master Directions on Fraud Risk Management in Commercial Banks (including Regional Rural Banks) and All India Financial Institutions dated July 15, 2024 ('Master Directions'), has been returned UNDELIVERED.

Name	Address	Designation
GVG Infrastructure Private Limited, (formerly known as CMRS Infrastructure Private Limited)	No.589, 3rd floor, Above SBI, C Block, AECS Layout, Brooke field, Kundalahalli, Bangalore–560037, Karnataka.	Builder
Shri USSV Prasad	Flat No.420, VI Block, Elil Edobe Apartments, Subbanna Compound, Mahadevapura, Bangalore-560 048, Karnataka.	Promoter & Executive Director
Shri K Uma Maheshwara Reddy	No.28/5/458, Housing Board Colony, Anantapur,–515001, Andhra Pradesh	Promoter & Executive Director
Shri Chennam Rangaswamy	No.H108, Sri Ram Spurthi, AECS Layout, Brookefield, Beside CMRIT College, Bangalore–560037, Karnataka.	Promoter & Executive Director

The above persons, if they so desire, may like to collect the returned undelivered REASONED ORDER, either in person or by duly authorized person by producing proof of identity, from the undersigned at the address as given above

Date: 24.02.2026

Sd/-,
Chakradhar Kumar Neti
Centre Head / DGM
RAC - Malleshwaram
BENGALURU

MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

A.O. # 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020.
Phone: 23562229 / 23460051

Rule 13(4) Appendix IV
POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest (SARFAESI) Act., 2002, and In exercise of power under section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice on the dates mentioned below calling therein upon the within-named Borrowers / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned below within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of the said notice.

The within - named Borrowers / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conduct on him under Section 13 (4) of the said of the Act read with rule 9 of the Said Rules of the below mentioned date.

The Borrowers / Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** For the amount, interest & other charges thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower	Descriptions of the property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding in Rs.
1.	**1. Smt. K. Bhagyalakshmi W/o Late V. Ashwathanarayana Rao 2. Sri. V.A. Venkatesh Datta S/o Late V. Ashwathanarayana Rao** Both 1and 2 are resident at: No.22, "Datta Krupa", Near Trinetralaya Hospital, 1stMain Road, 2ndCross, Srinagara, Bengaluru-560050. **3. Smt. Lakshmi A. W/o Late Ashwathanarayana** Servegaranapalya, Mookanahalli Pattana Post, Gubbi Taluk, Tumakuru Dist-572216. **4. Smt. V.A. Suma W/o Ashwathanarayana Murthy** No.1117, 16thMain Road, Near Jalageramma Temple, Srinagara, Bengaluru-560050.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Present Corporation No. 648/2 registered in New PID No.7085752048, Old PID No.53-215-648/2, BDA No.648, Situated at Raghavendra Block, BDA Banashakari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.156(Old Ward No.53), Benagluru, **Measuring**: East to West 45'-0" fts and North to South 30-0" fts, having a total extent of 1350 square feet and **Bounded on the: East by**: Property No. 645, **West by**: Road, **North by**: Property No. 647, South by: Property No. 649.	**18.12.2025**	**24.02.2026**	**A/c No. - EMI-307 Rs.78,56,818/- + With further interest & other charges from 17.12.2025**

Date: 25.02.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru.

HDFC BANK

HDFC BANK LIMITED

Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch: #51, HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001
Tel:-080-41183000 CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC) issues E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ties) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** as per the details mentioned below :

Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)(since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in **Column (A) under Rule 8(6)** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's **website i.e. www.hdfcbank.com**

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D &E)	(F&G)
Sl No	Name/s of Borrower(s)/ Mortgager(s)/ Guarantor(s)/	Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)*	Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft)	Date of Auction and Time ---------- Type of Possession	Reserve Price (Rs.) ---------- Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)
1	**Mr. Athani Gururaj (Borrower)**	**Loan A/c No. 618273057 : Rs.24,96,309/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Three Hundred and Nine Only) as on 30.09.2025**	All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing B.DA Vacant Site **No. 169 (One Hundred and Sixty Nine),** Anjanapura Layout, 7th Block, Bangalore In the Layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, measuring **East to West:** 12.00 (Twelve) Meters, **North to South :** 9.00 (Nine) Meters Total Measuring 108.00 Square Meters and bounded on : **East by :** Site No.175 (one Hundred and Seventy Five) **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 168 (One hundred and sixty eight), **South by :** Site No.170(One hundred and seventy) And any construction thereon present and future.	**10.04.2026 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM ---------- Physical**	**Rs.1,10,00,000/- [Rupees One Crore Ten Lakhs Only] ---------- Rs.11,00,000/- [Rupees Eleven Lakhs Only]**

1. Inspection Date & Time: 06.03.2026 and 13.03.2026 between 11.AM TO 4.PM
2. Minimum bid increment amount: Rs. 40,000/-
3. EMD Amount Submission on or before : 07.04.2026 (Before 5.00 PM)
together with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and / or realisation thereof.
The online auction will be conducted on the web site https://biddeal.in of our auction agency M/s Valuetrust Capital Services Pvt Ltd.,
For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh.N / Shridhar Chinni, official of HDFC Bank Limited through Tel No.080-41182283, 080-41182126 / 9449080072 / 7795853045
To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets.

Date : 25.02.2026
Place: Bangalore

For HDFC Bank Ltd.
Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

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ROSAR BRANCH

Fifth Floor, Vijaya Tower, 41/2, M G Road, Trinity Circle, Bengaluru-560001.
Phone :080- 25011426, E-mail : sarbec@bankofbaroda.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A[See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **13.03.2026 "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrowe/s/ Mortgagor/s/ and Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below –

Sl. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/ s	Give short description of the immovable/moveable property with known Encumbrances, if any (Owner/Mortgagor name: Mr. Mohit Kumar Baradia	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price, EMD Amount Bid Increment Amount & Last date of EMD Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1	**Mr. Mohit Kumar Baradia S/o Rajkumar Baradia, Proprietor M/s Mohit Enterprises,** Property Sy.No.6/1, "Akruti Amity" Apartment, Flat No:003, Ground Floor, Block E, 13th Cross Road, Huskur Gate, Ananthanagar, 2nd Phase, Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560100. **Also at: Mr. Mohit Kumar Baradia,** 124, Kumba Building, 1st Floor, Bapuji Layout, Near KFC Restaurant, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040. **Also at: M/s Mohit Enterprises Prop. Mr. Mohit Kumar Baradia,** No.9, 4th Cross, 2nd Floor, S P Road, Bengaluru-560002. **Also at: Mr. Mohit Kumar Baradia** S/o Rajkumar Baradia, Proprietor M/s Mohit Enterprises No.25, 13th Block, 2nd Stage, 2nd Main Road, 1st Cross, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560072.	**SCHEDULE A' PROPERTY :** Property Sy. No. 6/1, admeasuring 2030 sq.ft. Super Built-up-area and 750 Sq.ft of undivided share situated at "Aakruti Amity" Apartment, Flat No. 003, Ground Floor, Block E, Property bearing Converted Sy No. 6/1, 13th Cross Road, Huskur Gate, Ananthanagar 2nd Phase, kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District – 560100.	**Rs. 1,63,27,601.82 (Rupees One Crore Sixty Three Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred One and Eighty Two Paise Only) as on 04.01.2026 Plus further interest and charges till date.**	**13.03.2026 From 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM**	**Reserve Price: Rs. 59,00,000/- EMD: Rs.5,90,000/- Bid IncArement Amount: Rs. 25,000/- Last date & Time of EMD: 13.03.2026 upto 2.00 P.M.**	**Physical Possession**	**With Prior Appointment from authorized officer**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction and online auction portal https://baanknet.com Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No.080 25011426, Mobile: 9820809437/9230849919.
Note: All charges including property tax, Electricity charges, Water Bills and Maintenance charges etc. and if any other charges shall be borne by the successful bidder only.

Date: 24.02.2026 Place:- Bengaluru Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

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ARADESHAHALLI BRANCH

Ground Floor No.115/1, Ganitha Nilaya, Main road, Aradeshahalli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, Karnataka-562110

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX- II-A & IV-A [SEE PROVISO TO RULE 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower(s)/Mortgagor (s)/ Guarantor (s) /Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr /Lot No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/s	Detailed description of the immovable/moveable property with known Encumbrances, if any (Owner/Mortgagor name: Mr. Venu Madhav Boddu & Mrs. Sasi Kumari Boddu)	Total Dues.	Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price, EMD, Last Date of EMD Amount and Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive /Physical)	Property Inspection date &Time
1.	**Shri Venu Madhav Boddu S/o Sita Ram Raju (Borrower)** Flat No.G-05, Ground floor, KRITAN IRIS Apartment, Kammasandra Village, Attibelle, Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560100 **Mrs. Sasi Kumari Boddu W/o Venu Madhav Boddu (Co-Borrower)** Flat No.G-05, Ground floor, KRITAN IRIS Apartment, Kammasandra Village, Attibelle, Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560100	**SCHEDULE A PROPERTY: Item No.1:** All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted undeveloped land bearing Sy No.12/1, measuring 12.15 guntas (13253.15 sq. ft.,) situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and **bounded on:** East by: Portion of the Sy.Nos. 12/1, 12/2, 12/5 and 13/1 gifted to Chandrakala, West by: Portion of the Sy.Nos. 12/1, 12/2, 12/5 and 13/1 gifted to Bharathi.M, North by: Sy.No.12/1, South by: Private property. **Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted undeveloped land bearing Sy.No.13/1, measuring 12.15 guntas (13253.15 sq. ft.,) situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and **bounded on:** East by: Private property, West by: Portion of the property gifted to Saraswathi.M, North by: Sy.No.12/1, South by: Private property. **SCHEDULE B PROPERTY: (Description of the UDS)** An undivided share in the land of the schedule A property equivalent to 375 sq. ft., with all right, title and interest and ownership of the land in the total land of schedule A property referred to above. **SCHEDULE C PROPERTY (Description of the Apartment)** Equitable Mortgage Dated 18.03.2025 of all that part and parcel of the Flat bearing No.G-05 in Ground floor, measuring 1200 sq. ft., of super built up area constructed over the schedule A property containing two bedrooms, kitchen, dinning, 2 toilets, living room, with one car parking bearing in the Apartment known as "KRITAN IRIS" together with an undivided share, right, title and interest of land as specified in schedule B property referred to above along with water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas for common use, **In the name of Mr. Venu Madhav Boddu and Mrs. Sasi Kumari Boddu. Cersai ID - 400083093196 (Housing loan) Cersai ID - 400083093311 (Top Up Loan) Boundaries of the Flat:** North: Road, South: Flat No.G-08, East: Flat No.G-06, West: Flat No.G-04.	**Rs. 66,51,231/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty One Only) as on 10/07/2025 Plus further interest and charges till date.**	**13/03/2026 From 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM**	**Reserve Price: Rs. 56,86,000/- EMD: Rs. 5,68,600/- Last Date and Time of Receipt of EMD Amount: 12/03/2026 upto 5.00 PM Bid Increment Amount: Rs.25,000/-**	**Symbolic Possession**	**With Prior Appointment from Authorized Officer 25.02.2026 to 12.03.2026 till 04.00 PM**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link **https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction** and online auction portal **https://baanknet.com** For queries contact Number: 8291220220 & email ID. support.baanknet@psballiance.com. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on **9632121208 and 7021566037**

Date: 23-02-2026, Place: Bengaluru **Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that on behalf of our Client, we are scrutinizing the right, title and interest of Total Environment Constructions Private Limited, having its registered office at Imagine, No. 78, ITPL Main Road, EPIP Zone, Whitefield, Bengaluru – 560 066, (referred to herein as "TECPL"), in respect of the lands totally admeasuring an extent of 37 Acres 3.5 Guntas, situated at Bileshivale Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru, more particularly described in the 'Schedule' hereunder and collectively referred to herein as the "Schedule Properties".

TECPL has represented to our Client that TECPL is vested with absolute rights to undertake development of the Schedule Properties, including unrestricted rights to create charge by way of mortgage over the Schedule Properties; and TECPL has further represented that the Schedule Properties are free from encumbrances, charges, lien, litigation and/ or any third-party rights/ claims thereto.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that if any person/s, entity, company, firm or institution has or asserts any right, title or interest by way of sale, lease, license, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien, easement, pending litigation, claim, demand or any other interest of whatsoever nature in or upon the Schedule Properties or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details and documents in support of such claim, within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of this Notice, failing which it shall be conclusively presumed and deemed that TECPL is vested with absolute rights to undertake development of the Schedule Properties, including unrestricted rights to create charge by way of mortgage over the Schedule Properties, and that none else have any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in relation to the Schedule Properties; and our Client would be at liberty to proceed to enter into and complete the intended transaction in respect of the Schedule Properties. Any objections and/ or claims received after the expiry of the notice period mentioned above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our Client.

SCHEDULE
SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of immovable properties being lands totally admeasuring an extent of 37 Acres 3.5 Guntas, comprised in Survey Nos. 54/1, 54/2, 54/3, 54/4, 54/5, 54/6, 54/7, 54/8, 54/9, 54/10, 54/11, 55(p), 55(p), 55(p), 56(p), 56(p), 57, 58, 59/1, 59/4(p), 59/4(p), 60/1, 60/2, 60/3, 61/2, 61/3, 61/7, 63/1, 63/2, 63/3, 63/5, 63/6, 64/2, 64/3, 64/4, 64/8, 64/9, 65/1(p), 65/1(p), 65/1(p), 68, 69/1, 69/2, 70, 75/1, 75/3, 76/1, 86/2 & 139, 56(p), 56(p), 59/3, 59/4, 59/5, 61/1, 61/4, 64/5, 64/6, 64/7, 65/1(p), 65/1(p), 65/1(p), 69/2(p), 69/2(p), 72, 74/1, 75/2, 75/10, 86/2, 56(p) and 59/2, all situated at Bileshivale Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru.

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Place: Bengaluru
Date: February 25, 2026

"If a machine is expected to be infallible, it cannot also be intelligent" — Alan Turing

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— Ramnath Goenka

MORE NEEDED BEYOND BUDGET PROPOSALS TO SUPPORT BATTERED MSMEs

TRIBUTES paid to India's micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are indeed lavish. The sector is hailed as the backbone of the economy, driving growth and employment through as many as 6.3 crore units. The praise is not without reason. MSMEs contribute nearly 40 percent of the country's gross domestic product, account for 40 percent of manufacturing output and 45 percent of exports. Yet, they are often the hardest hit when unexpected shocks rattle the economy. The 2016 demonetisation, the 2020-21 Covid pandemic and the recent Trump tariffs triggered large-scale closures of MSMEs, throwing tens of thousands out of work. It is in this context that a Niti Aayog committee set up last October recommended as many as 38 reforms to ease regulatory burdens and rejuvenate the sector.

The Rajiv Gauba committee rightly identified the burden of about 1,400 annual compliances as a major drain on these units' resources. It suggested simplifying government processes, including exempting micro and small units from corporate social responsibility requirements, redefining small companies as those with an annual turnover of up to ₹100 crore, and easing auditing norms. It also proposed that minor defaults be decriminalised with warnings or monetary penalties, while safeguarding financial health through mandatory upfront payments and time-bound release of dues. However, some proposals—such as reducing mandatory board meetings from four a year to one and diluting audit rigour—could compromise governance and, in the long run, weaken MSMEs' already tenuous relationships with lenders.

The Union government is, unfortunately, dragging its feet on implementing these reforms, though the recent Budget indicates it is alive to the sector's concerns. The proposals include a new ₹10,000-crore SME Growth Fund and a ₹2,000-crore top-up to the Self-Reliant India Fund to support micro enterprises. However, given the repeated shocks India's manufacturing "backbone" has endured in recent years, these allocations appear to be a drop in the ocean.

One substantive positive is the Budget's decision to make it mandatory for central government units to use the RBI-backed Trade Receivables Electronic Discounting System (TReDS) for payments to MSMEs, enabling them to convert receivables into immediate cash. However, the larger issues—limited access to formal finance due to lack of collateral and the inability to scale up because of technological obsolescence—remain unresolved.

RECONSIDER DECISION TO CLOSE FOREST RIGHTS CELLS

LAST week, the Odisha government dissolved Forest Rights Act (FRA) cells across 12 districts of the state. A letter to the integrated tribal development agencies and district welfare officers instructed closure of 50 such sub-divisional cells and clearance of all dues by March end. These cells, created under the Centre's flagship Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), aid processing and verification of forest rights claims while assisting in record mapping and digitisation. A key responsibility of these units is also to link beneficiaries to government welfare schemes. Given the extremely critical role these cells play, the decision of the state SC & ST development department is baffling.

Rights activists believe the move will weaken the crucial support system for tribal and other forest-dwelling communities. What's doubly concerning is that Odisha has historically been a leader in recognising forest rights. By the end of December 2025, the state had received 7.69 lakh claims, 80 percent of which were disposed of with titles distributed to 61.5 percent of the rightful claimants. After Chhattisgarh, Odisha comes second in terms of the disposal rate of forest rights claims. The latest decision puts a speedbreaker on this remarkable drive.

The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 was a pathbreaking legislation that sought to address centuries of injustice meted out to those who had traditionally lived on and depended on forest land for survival. For Odisha, the Act holds special significance given that 22 percent of its population comprises tribal communities. At least 13 of the state's 30 districts are either fully or partially notified as Fifth Schedule areas. However, the state has been systematically shutting down FRA cells funded by itself over the last few months. The 50 cells that face imminent closure were set up under DAJGUA, launched in 2024 by the Centre to deliver maximum welfare benefits to tribal communities across the country. The decision for their closure comes when an estimated 16 percent of the FRA claims in the state are awaiting clearance. For the Mohan Charan Majhi government, shutting down the FRA cells might have followed financial considerations. But its consequences on tribal rights will be so retrogressive that it must be revoked at once.

QUICK TAKE

DISUNITY IN DIVERSITY

THAT three chief ministers are having to voice concern over a matter that started with something as banal as an AC installation in a Delhi suburb shows the absurd levels of racism that we, the people of India, often stoop to. The racist slurs hurled by a couple at three Arunachali women stirred Pema Khandu of Arunachal Pradesh, Prem Singh Tamang of Sikkim and Conrad Sangma of Meghalaya to speak out against typecasting northeastern Indians. Even so many decades after the rights to dignity, liberty and privacy were enshrined, we witness such racially-charged abuse of our fellow citizens. To truly integrate India as a union of diverse peoples, schools in every corner of the country must highlight the best of other communities' culture from other parts of the country.

Rather than borrowing biases from Western tools, India needs to train AI engineers capable of building foundational models with data and compute constraints. AI can't be allowed to widen existing inequalities

INDIA'S AI MOMENT: FOR SUBSTANCE AFTER THE SUMMIT

B RAVINDRAN

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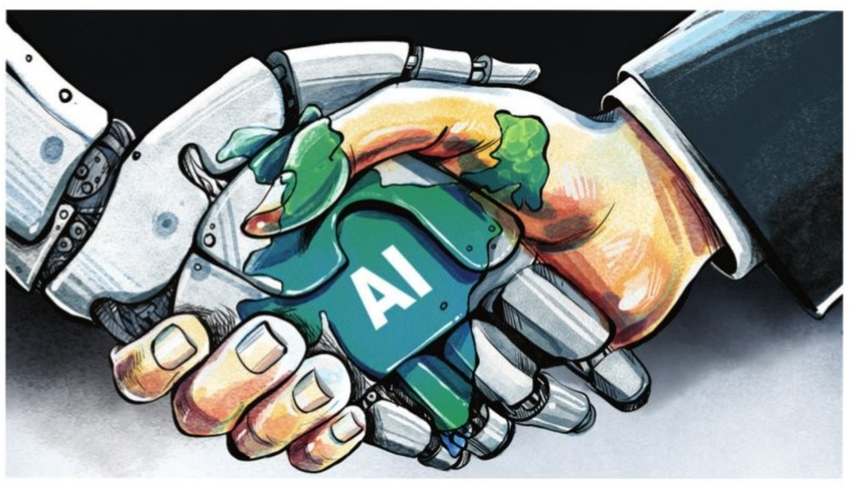

MANDAR PARDIKAR

THE recent AI Impact Summit in Delhi was more than a diplomatic gathering—it was a declaration of intent. For years, the global conversation on artificial intelligence has been monopolised by the Global North—nations that, for all their computational prowess, lack firsthand experience of the challenges faced by the developing world. India's singular achievement at this summit was to force a reckoning with that asymmetry.

The landmark New Delhi Frontier AI Impact Commitments—signed by nearly all major AI companies, Indian and international alike—commits to context-aware evaluation and multilingual deployment tailored to local environments. This is no symbolic gesture. For a country as linguistically and culturally diverse as India, it is a structural necessity. Unless the entities controlling AI power are willing to include the rest of the world in the conversation, our demands for inclusion will remain unheard. That they signed is significant.

But the most striking revelation was not in a policy document—it was in the expo's hallways. People were literally pushing doors to join sessions. Global tech leaders, accustomed to cautious or hostile public reactions in Western capitals, were blindsided by the sheer enthusiasm. Young Indians do not view AI through the lens of fear—of displacement, control or existential risk. They see it as a partner: a tool for uplift of self and progress of the nation. That is a civilisational mindset shift, and the world should pay attention.

Enthusiasm, however, is not policy. Converting this energy into genuine AI sovereignty begins with a hard question: do we have enough people who can build AI from the ground up? Not just fine-tune it or wrap it in an app, but construct it from first principles?

The answer today is: barely. Building foundational AI for India requires a fundamentally different way of thinking. Indian languages demand novel approaches to tokenisation that cannot simply be borrowed from English-centric architectures. The constraint of limited compute is not merely a handicap; it is a design challenge that forces us to innovate.

A clear proof of this potential was on display at the summit. Sarvam AI, the Bengaluru-based startup, unveiled sovereign foundational models like Sarvam-30B and Sarvam-105B, built specifically to reason and code within India's unique constraints. But Sarvam's impact goes beyond the models it releases; the company itself operates like a foundry for talent. By tackling the hardest problems in AI engineering—training large-scale models on constrained infrastructure—it is forging a new generation of research engineers who possess rare, high-value skills. We will soon see new companies launched by folks trained at this 'Sarvam foundry', carrying that expertise into the wider ecosystem.

But a few companies acting as a training ground is not enough. We need a concerted, nationally coordinated effort to expand this talent pool—through universities and industry partnerships that rethink what engineering education in an AI-native India should look like.

Gaps no one is talking about

Even the best engineers hit a ceiling without deep fundamental research. Pushing the boundaries of what AI can do—particularly under severe compute and data constraints—requires sustained investment in academic enquiry that does not strictly aim for a product launch in six months.

This is precisely where India's AI ambitions are most vulnerable. Building models that genuinely serve the population—reason about land records in regional scripts, or interpret a health worker's voice note—requires original research. The solution lies in structured academia-industry joint ventures: partnerships where university rigour meets industry scale. These exist informally today; they need to be formalised, funded and multiplied.

The Safe and Trusted AI working group at the Summit proposed setting up a Trusted AI Commons—an open platform for safe AI tools across the Global South. But 'safe and trusted AI' in India is far more complex than the global discourse suggests. The standard challenges—bias, opacity, non-determinism—take on an entirely different dimension here.

Consider farmer advisory bots. While celebrated as a way to democratise agricultural expertise, we lack a standardised benchmark to evaluate if they actually work—not even in English, let alone in Kannada or Bhojpuri. Without rigorous evaluation frameworks, we risk deploying tools that are untested in the wild.

The bias problem is even more fraught. India has axes of discrimination, such as caste, that are invisible to models trained on Western data. While early efforts from IIT Bombay and IIT Madras have begun surfacing examples of such bias, we lack datasets large enough to actually de-bias models during training. Addressing this is not technically intractable, but it requires resources we have not yet allocated.

There are subtler nuances—like how AI represents India's geographic boundaries or regional identities—that are political and cultural landmines. These are not problems AI researchers can solve in isolation; they require historians and sociologists in the loop.

Perhaps the most important framing shift is viewing AI not as a disruptor, but as a co-creator. Realising AI's potential for social uplift requires carefully integrating it into existing workflows rather than imposing it over them.

Take India's ASHA health workers. If AI is deployed as a 'replacement', it threatens the livelihoods of the very women who form the backbone of rural healthcare. But if designed as an augmentation—helping them triage high-risk pregnancies or digitise records—it transforms them into AI-assisted healthcare providers. The difference between rejection and adoption is entirely a function of design and respect.

Finally, on data sovereignty, the position must be unambiguous: Indian data should be processed on Indian hardware, preferably by Indian models. Investment is welcome, but not at the cost of digital colonisation.

India's demographic dividend and startup ecosystem are structural advantages, but they are not guarantees. Urban youth are already training themselves, finding resources, and building skills outside any formal system. That is admirable, but it means the dividend will pay out only in cities if we are not deliberate. Ensuring that AI bridges rather than widens existing inequalities is a prerequisite for inclusive growth.

The summit has ended. The real work—unglamorous, granular, generational—has just begun.

(Views are personal)

THE BET ON ORANGE REVOLUTION

TULSI JAYAKUMAR

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FOR decades, India's economic script revolved around steel, silicon and seeds. We measured our progress by the length of our highways, tonnage of our wheat and volume of our software exports. But the 2026-27 Union Budget signals a new hue in India's growth imagination: the 'orange economy'. Coined by the Inter-American Development Bank, the term refers to industries where creativity, culture and intellectual property generate economic value.

In her Budget speech, Nirmala Sitharaman did more than celebrate culture as soft power; she positioned it as hard economics. With India's media and entertainment sector valued at ₹2.87 trillion ($35 billion) in 2026, storytelling is fast becoming a strategic asset class.

India's services sector has long been a high-growth anchor, but the traditional IT and business process management model is maturing. Sustaining 7-8 percent GDP growth requires a new frontier. The creative economy—already estimated to contribute roughly 8 percent of India's workforce, compared to 2.1 percent in Australia and 1.9 percent in South Korea—may well be it.

The Budget's focus on the sector comprising animation, visual effects (VFX), gaming, comics and extended reality acknowledges how the digital generation earns. A VFX artist in Pune or a game designer in Hyderabad now matters as much to exports as a coder in Bengaluru. Creative services exports rose 20 percent last fiscal, diversifying foreign exchange earnings beyond maintenance and support work. Further, the projection that the sector will require 20 lakh professionals by 2030 has to be read for what it truly is—less of a statistic and more a skilling mandate.

To meet this demand, the government is backing the Indian Institute of Creative Technologies in Mumbai to spearhead a radical educational overhaul. The plan to set up 15,000 content creator labs in secondary schools and 500 labs in colleges is a 'Silicon Valley moment' for the arts. By embedding digital storytelling, character design and AI-assisted animation alongside mathematics and physics, the State is legitimising creativity as a mainstream career.

This move democratises opportunity. In the orange economy, it is not geography that matters. With subsidised graphics processing unit access under the IndiaAI Mission at ₹65 per hour, a student in a tier-3 town can compete with a worker in a California studio.

While cinema historically served as India's primary cultural export, the gaming sector has emerged as a significant economic pillar within digital services. According to government data, India's online gaming market was valued at ₹23,200 crore in 2024 and is projected to reach ₹31,600 crore by 2027. This trajectory positions gaming as a core driver of the digital creative ecosystem, supported by a user base of nearly 50 crore participants in both urban and rural centres.

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> The pitch to make India a hub of audiovisual creativity, including in gaming and animation, builds on tested credentials. But pouring in money won't be enough. Challenges like protection of intellectual property and skilling vast cohorts for the sector need to be addressed

The 'Create in India' push aims to shift the country from consumer to creator. For years, Indian gamers played on platforms built in the West, Japan or China. By incentivising domestic development and enabling IP-backed lending, the government is encouraging developers to mine Indian mythology and contemporary narratives for global audiences. The prize is ownership of IP, not just participation in value chains.

However, the economist's lens must also be critical. While the orange economy offers high-paying jobs, with creative roles reportedly paying 88 percent more than non-creative ones, there is a risk of a widening divide. The K-shaped recovery, that has haunted post-pandemic India, persists. The creative boom is currently concentrated in urban clusters. The challenge lies in being inclusive. The orange economy must cover the handloom weaver in Kanchipuram as much as the digital animator in Mumbai.

Generative AI adds urgency. It can lower the cost of production by 40 percent, but also threatens entry-level jobs in dubbing, basic illustration and coding. The government's emphasis on 'trusted AI' and the proposed consensus on copyright is a step in the right direction. For the orange economy to thrive, the creator must be protected. If AI models can 'scrape' an artist's style without compensation, the incentive to create vanishes. Without enforceable IP protection, incentives to create will erode.

Despite the optimism, structural hurdles remain such as funding gaps, regulatory maze and a lack of physical infrastructure. Creative smaller enterprises struggle for credit because banks don't know how to value a script or a game design as collateral. We need a 'creative bank' or a specialised IP-valuation framework. From gaming classifications to OTT censorship, the regulatory environment is often reactive. A single-window clearance for live events and a cohesive national policy for the creative audiovisual sector are overdue. Finally, digital labs are great, but the orange economy also thrives on 'collisions'. We need creative districts—physical spaces where artists, technologists and investors can meet and exchange ideas.

The significance of the orange economy transcends GDP percentages. It is about identity. When a nation exports its imagination, it stops competing on the basis of low-cost labour and starts leading on the basis of ideas. The Budget has sketched the outline. It is the execution which will now determine whether India evolves from the world's 'back office' to its 'creative studio', or stays put. If it succeeds, 'Made in India' will give way to something more powerful: 'Imagined in India'. It's time we put our money where our mind is.

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Marriage freedom

Ref: *Consenting adults need no permission* (Feb 24). Citing isolated incidents fortify social pressure in both inter-religion and inter-caste unions. When a 30-day notice provision to report abuse is already present in the Special Marriages Act, the society has no right to preemptively draw prejudices.
Subha Praksh Kanungo, Bhubaneswar

Insecure gigs

Ref: *Job crisis* (Feb 24). While 'multiple gigs' are suggested as a safety net, we must realise that AI swallows side-hustles too. The real sustenance may soon lie in high-touch sectors like the care economy and ethical auditing, where human empathy remains an irreplaceable feature, not a bug.
Suyash Pandey, Dhenkanal

Rural divide

Ref: *Shining Bharat* (Feb 24). It's true that the cultural ethos of India actually lies in the high thinking of rural people. Swami Vivekananda had realised this phenomenon and noted, "So long as the millions live in hunger and ignorance, I hold every man a traitor who, having been educated at their expense, pays not the least heed to them."
Jitendranath Guru, email

Governance doctrine

Ref: *Dissent as an imperative* (Feb 23). In contemplating the delicate architecture of constitutional governance, one cannot overlook the indispensable sanctity of institutional independence. The doctrine of separation of powers, refined through centuries, stands as a sentinel against excesses of authority. Any encroachment upon this balance imperils administrative harmony and democratic restraint.
S M Haider Rizvi, Lucknow

Communal profiling

Ref: *Counter-terror policy* (Feb 24). While policies to protect citizens and combat terrorism are essential, they must not result in the stigmatisation. India must refuse communal profiling not only in official documents, but also in election campaigns.
Sheril Genu, Bengaluru

Midwives' misbelief

Ref: *Midwife dilemma* (*The Morning Standard*, Feb 23). Without confronting structural tensions, the country risks mistaking incremental progress for systemic transformation. Midwives are not a nostalgic relic nor merely a technical fix; they represent a philosophical shift toward woman-centred, continuity-based care.
Sanjeev Jha, New Delhi

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Gaurav Gogoi @GauravGogoiAsm
The racist abuse faced by Arunachali women in Delhi is deeply disturbing and unacceptable. No citizen should be made to feel alien in their own country.

Saket Gokhale @SaketGokhale
If SIR will take 80 more days even with judges being involved, why is this process being rushed before bengal elections? This is rotten!

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
2 crore Bengalis unite against TMC atrocities! Prime Minister Narendra Modi's clarion call, "Paltano Dorkar, Chai BJP Sorkar," has taken Bengal by storm.

Govt nod to ₹11.8K cr infra push

Union cabinet increases Jute MSP by ₹275 per quintal, says I&B Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THREE RAILWAYS MULTI-TRACKING PROJECTS WORTH ₹9,072 CRORE
INDIA
ADDITIONAL FUNDS OF ₹450 CR FOR WILDLIFE UNDERPASSES
INFRA PUSH OF ₹11,806 CR

1 GONDIA-JABALPUR DOUBLING	2 PUNARAKH-KIUL 3RD AND 4TH LINES	3 GAMHARIA-CHANDIL 3RD AND 4TH LINES	NEW INTEGRATED TERMINAL BUILDING AT SRINAGAR AIRPORT	EXTENSION OF AHMEDABAD METRO PHASE-2 FROM GIFT CITY TO SHAHPUR
Length: 231 Km	Length: 50 Km	Length: 26 Km	Estimated Cost: ₹1,667 cr	Length: 3.3 Km
Estimated cost: ₹5,236crore	Estimated Cost: ₹2,268 crore	Estimated Cost: ₹1,168 crore	Duration: 4 years	Stations: 3 elevated
Duration: 5 yrs	Duration: 33 yrs	Duration: 3 yrs	Funding: 100% equity by AAI	Estimated Cost: ₹1,067 crore
Districts: Gondia, Jabalpur, Mandla, Seoni and Balaghat	Districts: Patna and Lakhisarai	Districts Covered: Saraikela-Kharsawan	CISF Barracks for 1,344 Personnel	Project Duration: 4 yrs
			Capacity Increase: 2,900 passengers	

THE Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Tuesday took a slew of decisions relating to infrastructure projects, including three multi-tracking works of railway lines, extension of Ahmedabad Metro Phase 2B, which will connect the GIFT City with residential locality of Shahpur, and capacity enhancement of terminal area of Srinagar Airport. Collectively, the projects are valued at around ₹11,806 crore. Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the meeting.

In another decision, the government has also increased the minimum support price (MSP) for jute for 2026-27 season by ₹275 per quintal over 2025-26, which will cost the government around ₹430 crore. The MSP now stands at ₹5,925 per quintal.

Briefing the media after the meeting, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, "Together the three Railways projects have an estimated cost of ₹9,072 crore. The projects will expand the Indian Railways network by about 307 kilometres across eight districts in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand."

The approved projects include the doubling of Gondia-Jabalpur track and laying of the third and fourth lines on the Punarakh-Kiul and Gamharia-Chandil routes. Once completed, the projects are expected to enhance rail connectivity for nearly 5,407 villages, benefiting a population of around 98 lakh, the minister said.

Speaking about the extension of the Gujarat Metro from the GIFT City to Shahpur, the minister said that the project, which is scheduled to be completed in four years, would include three elevated stations. "The estimated cost of the project is ₹1,067.35 crore. This extended corridor is expected to benefit approximately 23,702 passengers in 2029 and approximately 58,059 passengers in 2041," he said. He added that this corridor would strengthen connectivity between Ahmedabad and the GIFT region, which has major multinational companies, educational institutions and commercial centers.

In another decision, the CCEA also approved the development of the civil enclave at the Srinagar airport for an estimated cost of ₹1,677 crore. It will be spread across 73.18 acres and contain a new terminal building spanning an area of 71,500 square meters, the minister said. The new building will be designed to handle 2,900 passengers during peak hours with an annual capacity of 10 million passengers, he added.

On raising the MSP of jute, the government said in an official statement that the new price ensures a return of 61.8% over the all-India weighted average cost of production, as the decision is in line with the Centre's 2018-19 Budget commitment of fixing MSPs at a level of at least 1.5 times the all-India weighted average cost of production. The MSP for raw jute has risen from ₹2,400 per quintal in 2014-15 to ₹5,925 per quintal in 2026-27.

Shirtless protest: Rioting charges against Youth Cong members

NITIN RAWAT, UDAYAN KISHORE AND PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

DELHI Police has added rioting charges in the case related to the protest by the Indian Youth Congress during the India AI Impact Summit at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi and arrested eight people, including its chief Uday Bhanu Chib, officials said on Tuesday. According to the police, the crime was part of a "deep-rooted conspiracy" and substantial evidence has been obtained.

Special Commissioner of Police Devesh Chandra Srivastava said that on February 20, while the summit was underway, a pre-planned attempt was made to breach the security cordon in the presence of dignitaries and foreign delegates. "The aggressive elements were immediately brought under control," he said, adding that some cops were injured while restraining the protesters.

A case was lodged at Tilak Marg police station under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. During the probe, more accused were identified through CCTV footage. Srivastava said interrogation and raids are on, and that coordination is being maintained with police in other states.

Three accused—Jitendra Yadav, Raj Gujjar and Ajay Kumar—were held from Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh. The case has now been transferred to the Crime Branch's Inter-State Cell, considering its multi-state links and alleged financial and logistical network.

The protest took place on Friday when a group of IYC workers entered the summit venue. Some held T-shirts with images of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump and raised slogans against the government and the India-US trade deal. Police said that the accused also engaged in a scuffle with security staff.

In a related development, a Delhi court on Tuesday sent Chib to four days of police custody till February 28. Earlier, while extending custody of four other IYC members, the court observed that their conduct was not legitimate dissent but a "blatant assault on public order" that hurt the country's "diplomatic image".

Meanwhile, Congress leaders strongly criticised the arrests. In a post on 'X', LoP Rahul Gandhi said that he is proud of his fellow members of the Youth Congress, who fearlessly raised their voices in the national interest. He said that peaceful protest is the historical heritage of the Congress.

"It is in our blood and a democratic right of every Indian. The Congress Party and I stand firmly with our fellow members. Showing the mirror of truth to power is not a crime; it is patriotism. Don't be afraid—the truth and the Constitution are with us," Gandhi said.

Party president Mallikarjun Kharge said, "They (the government) knelt before US President (Donald) Trump and accepted all his conditions, humiliating the country. Instead of working for the welfare of our farmers, they held talks that would harm them."

Rollout of free HPV vaccine drive for 14-yr-old girls to check cervical cancer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

Three doses required for those above 15 years of age

The nationwide programme will target girls aged 14 years, an age at which the HPV vaccine offers maximum preventive benefit, well before potential exposure to the virus. In the open market, quadrivalent Gardasil-4 is a two-dose vaccine—each costing ₹3,927—for girls below 15 years. For those above 15 years, three doses of the vaccine are required.

IN a significant step towards eliminating preventable cancers among women, the Centre will soon launch a nationwide human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme targeting girls aged 14 years, official sources said on Tuesday.

According to sources, the programme will use a single-shot Gardasil, a quadrivalent HPV vaccine that provides protection against HPV types 16 and 18, which cause cervical cancer, as well as types 6 and 11. The drive would be a special vaccination campaign and not under the government's Universal Immunisation Programme. It is in line with the World Health Organisation recommendations, which identify HPV vaccination as a central pillar of the Global Strategy to Eliminate Cervical Cancer.

"Strong global and Indian scientific evidence confirms that a single dose provides robust and durable protection when administered to girls in the recommended age group," an official source said.

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"Vaccination under the national programme will be voluntary and free of cost, ensuring equitable access across socio-economic groups. By prioritising prevention at the right age, the programme is expected to provide lifelong protection and significantly reduce the future burden of cervical cancer in the country," the source said.

The vaccine has an excellent safety record, supported by more than 500 million doses administered globally since its introduction in 2006. Widespread vaccination has led to substantial reductions in HPV infection, precancerous lesions, and cervical cancer incidence in several countries. Once the vaccination programme is launched, India will join 160 countries that have introduced HPV vaccination in their national immunisation schedules. According to the source, over 90 countries are implementing single-dose HPV vaccination schedules, the source said.

HPV vaccines are among the most studied worldwide, with evidence demonstrating 93 to 100% effectiveness in preventing cancer caused by vaccine-covered HPV types.

Shah will review demography in Bihar

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

Surveillance and terrorism to be focus of visit

Shah is also scheduled to hold a dedicated meeting with the SSB, the central armed police force. Deliberations are anticipated to focus on strengthening border surveillance, enhancing intelligence-sharing frameworks, and curbing illegal cross-border activities. Given Bihar's long and porous boundary with Nepal, coordination between state police forces and central agencies remains a priority for the Centre.

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah will embark on a three-day visit to Bihar beginning Wednesday, during which he is scheduled to hold extensive deliberations with local authorities and security agencies, including the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) with regard to concerns related to alleged demographic changes, infiltration and unauthorised religious constructions in sensitive border districts, sources said.

A key highlight of the tour will be high-level review meetings in Bihar's Seemanchal region, which are described by the sources as the first initiative of its kind at this scale.

Shah is set to chair a comprehensive session involving District Magistrates (DMs) and Superintendents of Police (SPs) from seven districts: Kishanganj, Araria, Purnia, Katihar, Madhepura, Saharsa, and Supaul, the sources said. These districts lie along or in close proximity to the India-Nepal and India-Bangladesh borders and have historically been regarded as sensitive due to cross-border movement and internal security considerations, they added.

During the three-day engagements, Shah is expected to give focused attention to issues of demographic shifts, instances of illegal infiltration and the status of religious structures allegedly constructed without required approvals from the authorities, they said.

The sources indicated that detailed presentations will be made by district administrations and police officials, incorporating intelligence assessments and ground-level reports. The deliberations aim to assess the prevailing situation comprehensively and identify vulnerabilities that may require corrective measures, the sources said.

The Home Minister is likely to stress on the need for close coordination between civil administration and law enforcement agencies to effectively address security concerns. "Clear directives are expected on improving synergy between district authorities and policing units, particularly to tackle infiltration and unauthorised constructions," a source said.

He said that Shah's direct engagement at the district level signals a more granular review of developments in the region, marking the first time he will chair such meetings focused specifically on demographic and infiltration-related issues at this administrative tier.

The move is being viewed as an indication of the Centre's heightened focus on Seemanchal. Its geographical proximity to international borders, combined with a complex socio-economic landscape, has also made it an area of sustained strategic interest for both state and central authorities.

Beyond the Seemanchal-specific review, Shah will also preside over broader meetings concerning Bihar's overall internal security architecture. These discussions are expected to encompass border management practices, intelligence-sharing mechanisms, policing strategies and preparedness against organised crime and extremist elements.

Senior officials from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs will accompany the Home Minister, including Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan and Intelligence Bureau Director Tapan Deka. Their participation is expected to ensure that intelligence-based assessments and field inputs inform the review process and any subsequent policy decisions.

The sources suggested that the outcomes of these meetings could lead to tighter monitoring systems, improved inter-agency collaboration, and targeted administrative interventions in districts identified as particularly sensitive.

Debit cards passe, credit cards and UPIs are in

Year	Number of ATMs*	PoS Terminals	Bharat QR Codes	UPI QR Codes	Credit Cards	Debit Cards in Force	Credit Card TRX at PoS (Vol)	Credit Card TRX at PoS (Val ₹ '000)
2026	15,99,441	1,15,25,003	57,96,517	73,84,20,194	11,66,52,407	1,03,77,56,960	26,74,94,799	75,98,78,304.2
2025	**16,90,605**	**1,03,52,730**	**64,43,092**	**64,01,64,702**	**10,88,73,184**	**98,20,39,277**	**21,77,43,317**	**69,42,94,042.2**
2024	19,80,082	85,93,226	60,03,737	32,13,79,274	9,95,00,257	9,575,65,545	17,25,58,618	58,53,17,660.8
2023	**16,92,685**	**76,57,412**	**50,57,494**	**24,42,34,238**	**8,24,52,029**	**94,55,81,088**	**14,09,18,856**	**48,93,40,711.1**

*(On-site + Off-site + Micro ATMs)

SHIFTING PATTERNS OF PAYING INSTRUMENTS

3.8 LAKH ATM REDUCED FROM SYSTEM

From the 2024 peak to 2026, nearly 3.8 lakh machines were reduced from the system. Even compared to 2023 levels, the ATM network is smaller in 2026. The moderation in ATM infrastructure coincides with falling debit card PoS usage and the expanding dominance of QR and credit-based transactions.

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

SINCE 2023, the volume and value of transactions processed through UPI and credit cards have displaced cash and traditional card usage, signalling a structural shift in how consumers and businesses transact, the data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) shows. The UPI ecosystem has seen the most spectacular growth in this period.

The number of its QR codes rose from 24.42 crore in 2023 to 73.84 crore in 2026, showing the rise of small-ticket transactions. The steepest jump came between 2024 and 2025, when the base doubled from 32.14 crore to 64.01 crore.

Credit card penetration has also strengthened. The number of credit cards in force increased from 8.25 crore in 2023 to 11.66 crore in 2026, a rise of over 3.4 crore cards, or roughly 41 per cent. This expanding base has translated directly into higher transaction volumes. Credit card transactions at point-of-sale (PoS) terminals rose from 14.09 crore in 2023 to 26.75 crore in 2026, nearly doubling in four years. In value terms, PoS spending through credit cards increased from ₹48,934 crore in 2023 to ₹75,988 crore in 2026.

The growth is even sharper in e-commerce. Credit card transactions on online platforms climbed from 11.84 crore in 2023 to 26.93 crore in 2026. The value of these transactions rose to ₹1,23,021 crore. Credit cards are thus consolidating their dominance in higher-value online consumption.

In contrast, debit card usage at PoS has weakened considerably. Debit card PoS transaction volumes declined from 17.43 crore in 2023 to 7.73 crore in 2026. The value of debit card PoS transactions fell from ₹37,520 crore to ₹25,513 crore during the same period. Even though debit cards in force increased from 94.56 crore in 2023 to 103.77 crore in 2026, their role in active retail spending appears to be shrinking relative to both UPI and credit cards.

This shift is mirrored in the physical cash infrastructure too. The number of ATMs peaked at 19.80 lakh in 2024, and declined to 15.99 lakh by 2026.

NHAI directions for strict compliance of guidelines for service and slip roads

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has directed its officials to strictly follow prescribed guidelines and design criteria for constructing service and slip roads along national highway projects. The move is aimed at ensuring uniformity, serviceability, and durability of these critical stretches, which function as feeder lanes and often carry traffic during construction.

The directive follows concerns that project delays have forced service and slip roads to handle higher traffic volumes for longer than anticipated, leading to premature deterioration. NHAI has also instructed officials to revise tender documents and schedules in line with the new norms for projects where bids are yet to be invited.

"For projects under implementation, the guidelines may be adopted wherever necessary with the approval of the Competent Authority, as per the extant policy on delegation of powers for change of scope of NHAI," a circular issued by the agency said.

In November, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) issued detailed design guidelines to ensure consistency and quality in service roads, noting the earlier absence of a uniform scientific framework. The norms introduce a formula to determine the design life of service roads — the expected period they can function without major reconstruction. They also specify bitumen thickness and pavement types based on regional conditions, including high-rainfall areas, industrial districts, defence zones, mining regions, and economic corridors.

Under the design criteria, all service and slip roads must have adequate drainage with proper outfall, in line with prescribed standards. Construction of these roads should be completed before work begins on the main carriageway, and they should be maintained as per the contract conditions.

Officials said uniform guidelines would help ensure consistency and quality in service road construction, which is vital for overall infrastructure development. Well-maintained service roads can also improve safety and reduce long-term maintenance costs.

"It is imperative that adequate capacity enhancement and design life considerations for service roads are incorporated at the initial design stage itself. Appropriate modifications must be made to the RFP (request for proposal) and relevant schedules in all cases where bids are yet to be invited," the guidelines state.

HIGH COURT

The Gujarat HC on Tuesday set aside the conviction and sentence of 5-year rigorous imprisonment of former DGP S S Khandwawala in a 1976 custodial torture case.

4 DEAD — SEVERAL INJURED IN ROAD ACCIDENT IN BIHAR

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	35	22	Mumbai	30	23
Bhopal	32	18	Panaji	30	23
Jaipur	29	18	Patna	31	14
Amritsar	28	12	Lucknow	30	15
Chennai	33	24	Port Blair	30	26
Kolkata	30	20	Imphal	29	11
Srinagar	14	04	Chandigarh	28	14

Chief ministers of 3 Northeastern states say discrimination must stop ● Urges Modi to take care of women's empowerment in Manipur

'Racial abuse' of Arunachal women in Delhi condemned

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

CHIEF Ministers of three northeastern states on Tuesday condemned the alleged racial discrimination and abuse of three women from Arunachal Pradesh in Delhi's Malviya Nagar and demanded action against those involved.

Arunachal CM Pema Khandu said such behaviour was unacceptable and had no place in society. He said that immediately after learning of the matter on Monday, he had spoken with the Commissioner of Police, Delhi, and sought swift, strict action. "The CP is personally in touch with me. The accused are currently absconding, and I have been assured that they will be apprehended at the earliest and dealt with as per the law," Khandu said, adding, "We stand firmly with our three sisters, and their safety, dignity, and justice remain our highest priority."

Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) said the incident was concerning and unfortunate. "Such instances remind us of the importance of upholding dignity and mutual respect at all times. The Northeast is an integral part of our nation, and every citizen deserves dignity, equality, and respect," Tamang said.

His Meghalaya counterpart Conrad K. Sangma said discrimination against people from the Northeast must stop. He termed the "racial and sexual abuse" of a resident doctor of AIIMS Gorakhpur from Nagaland as shameful. "Outraging a woman's modesty is not what a civilised nation should tolerate. They are your sisters and daughters, too. I urge authorities to take stringent action against the perpetrators," he posted on X.

According to reports, the three Arunachal women allegedly faced racial slurs and intimidation from their neighbours over the installation of an air conditioner. The trio had engaged an electrician at their fourth-floor flat, but neighbours objected, saying that debris had fallen onto the floor below.

Incident 'concerning, unfortunate', strict action sought

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CM meets PM, 5K houses for displaced persons okayed

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE Centre has approved the construction of 5,000 houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojna – Gramin (PMAY-G) for the rehabilitation of Manipur's ethnic violence-displaced people.

The approval followed Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh's meeting with Union Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in New Delhi. The state's two deputy CMs, Nemcha Kipgen and Losii Dikho, attended. The Chief Minister's Office said Chouhan assured the leaders of help in restoring peace and normalcy in the state.

Earlier this month, the state government submitted a proposal for a special project under PMAY-G to construct 5,000 houses for internally displaced persons. The Rural Development Ministry approved a special window for the Awaas+ 2024 household survey to capture details of eligible affected households. The state government has also been allowed to continue the registration of eligible affected beneficiaries under the special project of PMAY-G.

The Rural Development Ministry had asked the Manipur government to identify beneficiaries for the special project in accordance with the PMAY-G guidelines. These houses will be constructed in accordance with the provisions of the framework for the implementation of the PMAY-G.

The state government has also been allowed to sanction houses for eligible beneficiaries under the special project to whom assistance was released earlier under the PMAY-G, but their houses were destroyed during the ethnic violence.

The Manipur CM met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday and briefed him on the steps taken by the state government to restore peace and harmony. Khemchand urged the prime minister to take special care for women's empowerment in Manipur's hills and valleys, and invited him to visit the state.

CM bats for special care for women's empowerment

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DEHRADUN DIARY

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₹500 crore boost for Kumbh Mela 2027

The Centre has released ₹500 crore to Uttarakhand for the Haridwar Kumbh Mela, scheduled from January to April 2027. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami stated that the grant would accelerate infrastructure development, including 'Ghat' beautification, traffic management, and sanitation. Emphasising the spiritual significance of the event, the CM noted that the funds are vital for delivering a "grand and divine" experience. Attributing the support to PM Modi's special bond with "Devbhoomi," Dhami highlighted that coordinated efforts between the state and Centre would ensure a safe, systematic, and historic event.

CM flags off marathon for road safety

Marking the culmination of National Road Safety Month 2026, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami flagged off the Road Safety and Green Earth Marathon from Circuit House on Sunday. Organised by the Transport Department, the event saw participation from nearly 800 enthusiasts. The CM urged the youth to act as "Road Safety Ambassadors," emphasising pedestrian priority. RTO (Enforcement) Dr Anita Chamola highlighted the campaign's success, noting a 12% decline in road accidents in Dehradun. Winners across various age categories were awarded trophies and cash prizes.

One student left, historic school facing closure

Established in 1835, the historic Government Primary School in Rudwa—the alma mater of several political stalwarts—now faces extinction with only one student remaining. This colonial-era institution is currently a battlefield between local villagers and Headmistress Pavitra Tamta. Alleging mismanagement and financial irregularities, the community has petitioned the District Magistrate for her immediate transfer, threatening a total boycott and roadblocks. Following the outcry, an inquiry committee led by GL Sailani recorded testimonies to probe the school's decline.

'Once in power, SAD to call drug lords terrorists'

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

SHIROMANI Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Tuesday said that if his party forms the government in 2027, it would end the scourge of gangsters and drug traffickers by declaring them terrorists and dealing with them using the full force of the law.

Addressing a rally in the Ferozepur Rural constituency as part of the party's Punjab Bachao campaign, Badal said it had also clarified that Punjabis were fed up with all Delhi-based parties, did not want to experiment anymore, and had decided to form a government solely of the SAD in the state.

Badal said that the gangsters and drug lords were holding Punjab to ransom and the AAP government and CM Bhagwant Mann had failed to rein in these antisocial elements. "I feel the time has come to bring in legislation to deal with this twin menace. Accordingly, once a SAD government is formed, we will bring in legislation to deny bail to gangsters and drug lords, besides seizing their properties. I advise them to leave Punjab or be ready to face complete eradication under the law".

He asserted that Mann was indulging in flip-flops on the sensitive issue of killing of two police personnel on the international border with Pakistan.

Canada may revoke citizenship of Rana ahead of PM's visit

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AHEAD of Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney's February 26 visit to India, Canada has reportedly begun proceedings to revoke the citizenship of 26/11 Mumbai attacks accused Tahawwur Hussain Rana. A Pakistan-born businessman, he was arrested by India's National Investigation Agency in April last year after being extradited from the United States. Documents obtained by the Canadian news organisation Global News show that immigration officials have informed him they intend to strip him of the citizenship he acquired in 2001.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada said the move is not linked to terrorism charges but to alleged misrepresentation. In a May 31, 2024, letter, IRCC wrote: "Yours is a case in which it appears that you misrepresented your residence in Canada during the application process for citizenship by deliberately failing to declare your absences from Canada."

Rana, 64, immigrated to Canada in 1997. He claimed he lived in Ottawa and Toronto for 4 years, with only a 6-day absence. However, a Royal Canadian Mounted Police investigation found he spent most of that time in Chicago, where he owned properties and businesses. The notice described "serious and deliberate deception".

The matter is before the Federal Court of Canada. His Toronto-based lawyer has appealed. An IRCC spokesperson said revocation is "an important tool for maintaining the integrity of Canadian citizenship" and the government "does not take the revocation of citizenship lightly".

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BIHAR ASSEMBLY

Nitish loses cool amid Oppn's 'gun, bullet' jibe

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BIHAR CM and JD(U) supremo Nitish Kumar lost his cool in Bihar Assembly on Tuesday after members of RJD, the main opposition party in the state, accused his government of gunning the state through 'Goli Bandook (guns and bullets).

The trouble erupted after opposition members created a ruckus inside the House and alleged that Nitish Kumar was running the government through guns and bullets as attempts were being made to suppress voices. Opposition members demanded a hike in stipends of Chaukidar-Dafadars.

Though Assembly Speaker Prem Kumar tried to restore peace and calm down protesting members, the latter did not pay heed and instead started shouting slogans against Nitish. RJD members shouted, "Bandook goli ki sarkar nahi chalegi."

State parliamentary affairs minister Vijay Kumar Choudhary also intervened when the protesting members entered the well. The slogan infuriated CM Nitish, who stood from his chair and said, "Do not talk rubbish. The government will run without any trouble. Just look at us. We are 2002 (read 202). Look at how many of you have been left now.

Rahul dares Modi to call off deal after US top court calls Trump tariffs illegal

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

LEADER of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi dared the PM on Tuesday to call off the "unfair" India-US trade deal in the wake of the US Supreme Court ruling President Donald Trump's sweeping global tariffs as illegal.

"In the wake of the US Supreme Court's recent ruling, many nations are reconsidering/cancelling their pacts with the US. I challenge PM Narendra Modi, if he has the courage and guts, then he should also call off the unfair India-US trade deal," Gandhi said, while addressing Congress's first Kisan Mahachaupals against the trade deal in Bhopal.

He said Modi was under pressure from Trump not to cancel the deal. "Modi has handed over India's entire data to the US, just to save his image and political future. But let me tell you all, he won't get away. No power can save him," Gandhi warned.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge compared Trump to Muhammad bin Tughlaq and termed Modi dictatorial. "The deal between both of them is going to ruin our farmers and industry. For the last eight to 10 years, PM Modi has said President Trump was his close friend and often praised himself for being a real patriot. Had he been a real patriot, he wouldn't have sold India's interests to President Trump through the unfair deal," Kharge said.

While the Congress leadership was busy targeting the BJP in Bhopal, the Madhya Pradesh government announced a slew of pro-farmer measures. The state cabinet approved an outlay of ₹10,500 crore for five major schemes for farmers on Tuesday, out of which ₹2,008 crore were approved for PM Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and ₹3,285 crore was approved for the National Food Security and Nutrition Mission.

MP govt's farmer schemes

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₹1.72L cr Budget for 'developed' state unveiled

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

CHHATTISGARH finance minister O P Choudhary presented a ₹1.72 lakh crore budget for 2026-27 on Tuesday, setting an ambitious target of turning the state into a developed region by focusing on tribal areas, women's empowerment and farmers. The budget sought to integrate former Maoist strongholds into the mainstream through the announcement of the establishment of two education cities in south Bastar's Abujhmad and Jagargunda with an initial outlay of ₹100 crore.

Connectivity and agriculture in the Bastar region received a boost with a ₹2,024 crore project for a barrage on the Indravati river, which is expected to irrigate 32,000 hectares. Additionally, the cultural identity of the region will be celebrated through the "Bastar Olympics" and "Bastar Pandum".

The budget introduced the Rani Durgavati Yojana, an initiative to provide ₹1.5 lakh to eligible girls upon reaching the age of 18. The government also proposed a 50% exemption on property registration fees for assets purchased in women's names. Other initiatives include the construction of 250 Mahatari Sadans and the launch of the Mukhyamantri Lakhpati Didi Parikrama Yojana.

The Krishak Unnati Yojana remains a cornerstone of the state's rural strategy with an outlay of ₹10,000 crore. The government also earmarked ₹5,500 crore for agricultural pumps to expand irrigation, ₹600 crore for financial assistance to landless farming families, ₹4,300 crore for a dedicated green budget, including ₹100 crore in subsidies for electric vehicles.

The finance minister announced ₹100 crore each for six specialised missions: Chief Minister's AI Mission, Tourism Development Mission, Sports Excellence Mission, Infrastructure Mission, Start-Up Mission and NIPUN Mission.

A standout feature of this year's budget is the cashless medical scheme for government employees, which is backed by a 100 crore allocation. For the general public, the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Ayushman Yojana has been allocated ₹1,500 crore to provide cashless treatment up to ₹5 lakh.

CHHATTISGARH ALLOCATIONS

FOR FORMER MAOIST REGION
- ₹100 cr for two education cities in Bastar's Abujhmad and Jagargunda
- ALLOCATIONS FOR BASTAR OLYMPICS AND BASTAR PANDUM
- ₹2,024 cr project for a barrage on the Indravati river

FOR FARMERS
- ₹10,000 cr allocated for Krishak Unnati Yojana
- ₹5,500 cr allocated for pumps to expand irrigation
- ₹600 CR FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LANDLESS FARMING FAMILIES

FOR HEALTH — ₹1,500 cr allocated for Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Ayushman Yojana that will provide cashless treatment of up to ₹5 lakh to common people

FM O P Choudhury with CM Vishnu Deo Sai

- ₹4,300 cr for a dedicated 'Green Budget' to promote sustainable development
- FOR WOMAN — ₹1.5 lakh under Rani Durgavati Yojana to eligible girls upon reaching the age of 18

Under pressure to clear NEET, son kills man, dismembers body at home

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

PRESSURE to clear the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for joining the medical line and brewing discontent over getting a paltry sum of ₹17,000 for running his father's liquor shop led a 21-year-old youth, identified as Akshat Singh, to murder his father and dismember the body to conceal the evidence by disposing of the remains here on February 20.

Akshat admitted to having killed his father Manvendra Singh, 49, who also owned a pathology lab in the city, brutally sending shock waves across the city. The youth admitted that he committed the crime at their residence in Ashiayana police station area at 4:30 am.

According to police, the accused shot his father, Manvendra Singh, in front of his sister during an argument on February 20. He then dismembered the body with a saw, placed the remains in a blue drum, and disposed of the head separately by throwing it 21 kilometres away from home. He even threatened his sister, a student in class 12, with dire consequences if she disclosed the crime, leaving her too terrified to speak.

When the sister Kriti tried to scream, he threatened her by saying that she would also meet the same fate if she told anyone. After this, Akshat decided to dismember the body and dispose it of. After disposing of the remains, Akshat cleaned the car and, three days later, filed a missing person report at the Ashiayana police station. However, his nervous demeanor during questioning by the cops and ever-changing statements raised suspicion, and under strict interrogation, he broke down.

Taking the accused along, police recovered several body parts of Manvendra Singh from the scene, though the head remained missing.

Investigators revealed that the motive stemmed from ongoing disputes between father and son. The victim wanted Akshat to qualify for NEET and pursue MBBS, while Akshat insisted on starting a lawn or restaurant business instead of continuing in the pathology field.

Manvendra Singh

Shot father in front of sister, threatened her

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DOCUMENT LOST

I, **SRINIVAS**, R/at No. 123, Samrat Layout, Near Reliance Mare, Arakere, Bangalore South, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560 076 do hereby inform the general public that on 06-02-2026, while I was travelling near Arakere, Bannerghatta Road, I have lost the document of Allotment Letter pertaining to the Site No. 15, situated at Arekere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring East to West: 20 feet, and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 600 sqft and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Site No. 28, North by : Road, South by: Site No. 38.

Inspite of my best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regard on 07-02-2026, I had lodged online complaint at Police Unit: Bengaluru Rural, Vide Lost Report No. 2049378/2026. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on **9742286596.**

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I, AT BANGALORE

A O R No.02/2025

Between:State Bank of India, SAM Branch ...Appellant

And

M/s. Mahashakthi Meta Steel Pvt Ltd., and Others ....Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY PAPER PUBLICATION TO RESPONDENTS

To : D1. M/s Mahashakthi Meta Steel Pvt. Ltd., No.126/D, Mundaragi Indl Estate, 3rd Stage, Bangalore Road, Bellary – 583 101, Rep. by its Managing Director.

D2 .Sri R.K. Singhal, S/o. Jaswanth Singh (Since Deceased by his LRs of R2)

2 (a) Smt. Kanta Singhal, W/o. Late R. K. Singhal

2 (b) Gaurav Singhal, S/o. Late R. K. Singhal,

2 (C) Smt. Swathi Singhal D/o. Late R.K. Singhal.

Respondents 2(a) and 2(c) all residing at: No. 477, 10th Main Road, HAL 3rd Stage, Bangalore – 560 075.

3. Sri Vivek Kumar Jain, S/o Sri Rajendra Mohan Jain, No.502, Ranka Park Apartment, Richmond Circle, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore – 560 027.

4.Sri Rohit Gupta, No.502, Ranka Park Apartment, Richmond Circle, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore – 560 027.

5.The Managing Director, Karnataka Strips Limited, No.126/D, Mundaragi Indl Estate, 3rd Stage, Bangalore Road, Bellary – 583 101.

6.The Managing Director, M/s. United Galva Limited, No.126/D, Mundaragi Indl Estate, 3rd Stage, Bangalore Road, Bellary – 583 101.

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 30(1) of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993, against you and other the Defendants of challenging the order dated 14.06.2024 passed by the Ld. Recovery Officer- II DRT -1 Bangalore in DCP No. 7974 you are hereby summoned to appear and to file written statement before the Tribunal at **10.30 A.M.** or are such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of the Tribunal on **26.03.2026** to answer the claim.

1. You should file your registered address and a memo of appearance when you enter appearances before the Tribunal either in person or by a pleader/ advocate duly insturcted.
2. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned here in before the procedings will be heard and determined in your absence, The application will be determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this 13.02.2026. **Sd/- Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore**

UJVN Limited

(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprises)
HO "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax- 0135- 2763508
CIN No.U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: https://ujvnl.uk.gov.in

पत्र सं: 161 दिनांक: 24 / 02 / 2026

Corrigendum-1

In view of the issuance of Bid Clarifications including Addendum to RfP Nos. **T-04/EE(Solar)/2025-26, T-05/EE(Solar)/2025-26, T-06/EE(Solar)/2025-26 and T-07/EE(Solar)/2025-26** invited by the office of Executive Engineer(Solar), Dehradun, the due dates in respect of the aforesaid Online Tariff Based Competitive Bids (RfP) for stand-alone Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on BOOT basis under the VGF Scheme are hereby extended as follows:

Last Date /Time of Receipt of bid on the portal : 09-03-2026 upto 16:00 Hrs.

Last Date /Time of submission of bid in Office : 12-03-2026 upto 12:00 Hrs.

Date of opening of the bid on website : 12-03-2026 from 13:00 Hrs.

The Bid Clarifications including Addendum has been issued which can be obtained from the website.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **http://uktenders.gov.in**.

Executive Engineer (Solar)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Two Cover System) (Through KPP Portal only)

KPCL invites tenders through KPP portal website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

1) Tender No. KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3604/CALL-4 Dated: 17.02.2026 Repair/Reconditioning of ADOR Make 66.5kVA, 70KV/800mA, HVRT of Unit-1 & 2 ESP and BHEL Make 66.5kVA, 70kV/800mA, HVRT of Unit-4 ESP. Last date for receipt of tender: **26.02.2026 upto 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the **Executive Engineer (LT)-1**, Mobile: 94495 96537. E-mail: eelt1rtpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in ; eelt1rtps@gmail.com

2) Tender No. KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3981 Dated: 18.02.2026 Up gradation of illumination system at ESP & Ash handling of Unit 1 to 8 Switchgear & connected area . **EMD: Rs.42,200/-.** Last date for receipt of tenders: **05.03.2026, upto 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the **Executive Engineer (PPS)**

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3) Tender No. KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3979 Dated: 19.02.2026 Special assistance for compressors of Unit 5 & 6 AHP excluding silo and Unit 7 & 8 AHP including silo. Last date for submission of tender: **05.03.2026, 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the **Executive Engineer (AHP-2)**, RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Dist. Raichur. Mobile: 94495 96551.

MAHAGENCO — MAHARASHTRA STATE POWER GENERATION COMPANY LIMITED

Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd.

E-Tender Notice (LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

Bids are invited by Chief Engineer (P&P), Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd., 3rd Floor, Prakashgad, Bandra (East) Mumbai-400 051 for 'Renovation and Modernization of River Water Pump House including Mechanical, Electrical and Control & Instrumentation works at Bhusawal Thermal Power Station'.

Bid Specification No.	RFx No. 3000065949
Cost of Bid Documents	Rs.30,000/- (Including GST)
Start Date of Acceptance of Tender Fee and Download of Tender Document	25.02.2026, 12:00 Hrs.
Contact Office	Chief Engineer (P&P)
Contact Person(s)	Superintending Engineer (P&P) – 8828502488 Executive Engineer (P&P)- 9594915507
E-mail	cgmgpp@mahagenco.in

For the bidders who are not registered with Mahagenco SRM e-tendering system are required to be registered with Mahagenco. The registration procedure is given on **http://eprocurement.mahagenco.in** in Documentation section. Qualifying Requirements and further details / any amendment / corrigendum / updates will be published only on website https://eprocurement.mahagenco.in.

Interested bidders shall regularly check the website for the same.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (P&P)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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1. Sale Deed registered as document No.GAN-1-03720//2016-17 dated 14.12.2016, executed by Sri. Vinod J Gowda son of S. Jayaram in favour of Smt. Manjula Ramesh wife of N. Ramesh.
2. Katha Certificate bearing No.99-1-19/2 dated 24.07.2014 issued by the BBMP.
3. Katha Extract bearing No.99-1-19/2 dated 24.07.2014 issued by the BBMP.
4. Tax paid receipt for the year 2016-17 issued by the BBMP.
5. Payment receipt dated 28.03.2018 executed by Smt. Manjula Ramesh wife of N. Ramesh represented by GPA Holder Sri. N. Ramesh son of Late Ninge Gowda in favour of Sri. Sachin Kamath son of Late Ganapathi N Kamath.
6. Confirmation Letter dated 16.08.2018 issued by Smt. Manjula Ramesh wife of N. Ramesh.
7. Agreement of Sale dated 18.09.2018 executed by Smt. Manjula Ramesh wife of N. Ramesh represented by GPA Holder Sri. N. Ramesh son of Late Ninge Gowda in favour of Sri. Sachin Kamath son of Late Ganapathi N Kamath.
8. Supplementary Agreement of Sale dated 10.08.2021 executed by Smt. Manjula Ramesh wife of N. Ramesh represented by GPA Holder Sri. N. Ramesh son of Late Ninge Gowda in favour of Sri. Sachin Kamath son of Late Ganapathi N Kamath.
9. Letter of Confirmation dated 09.07.2024 executed by Smt. Manjula Ramesh wife of N. Ramesh represented by GPA Holder Sri. N. Ramesh son of Late Ninge Gowda.

The documents were lost while I was in transit on 20.08.2025. In this regard, I have filed an E-Complaint dated 22.08.2025 bearing No.1764660/2025 with the police.

If anyone finds the above mentioned documents, kindly contact me at the address mentioned above or on the phone number provided below. Mob: 9844031931.

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2. Katha Certificate bearing No.630/136/1/40 dated 30.08.2012 issued by the BBMP.
3. Katha Extract bearing No.630/136/1/40 dated 30.08.2012 issued by the BBMP.
4. Tax paid receipt for the year 2016-17 issued by the BBMP.
5. Payment receipt dated 20.05.2018 executed by Sri. N. Ramesh son of Late Ninge Gowda in favour of Sri. Sachin Kamath son of Late Ganapathi N Kamath.
6. Confirmation Letter dated 08.11.2018 issued by Sri. Prathap M.S son of Sheker Gowda and Sri. Prasanna son of Sheker Gowda.
7. Agreement of Sale dated 09.11.2018 executed by Sri. N. Ramesh son of Late Ninge Gowda, Sri. Prathap M.S son of Sheker Gowda and Sri. Prasanna son of Sheker Gowda in favour of Sri. Sachin Kamath son of Late Ganapathi N Kamath.
8. Supplementary Agreement of Sale dated 01.10.2021 executed by Sri. N. Ramesh son of Late Ninge Gowda, Sri. Prathap M.S son of Sheker Gowda and Sri. Prasanna son of Sheker Gowda in favour of Sri. Sachin Kamath son of Late Ganapathi N Kamath.
9. Letter of Confirmation dated 20.09.2024 executed by Sri. N. Ramesh son of Late Ninge Gowda.

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BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, BNCC, Bellary Main Road, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru - 560 092.

No:BNCC/EE/ELE/TN/GN/02/2025-26 **Date: 24-02-2026**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Single Cover)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Executive Engineer (Elect), Bengaluru North City Corporation, invites Tenders in accordance with KTPP rules 2000, from eligible contractors registered in Bengaluru North City Corporation/GBA/KPWD/CPWD/ Railways/MES/National Highway or any other equivalent central/state government organizations on behalf of the commissioner, BNCC for Electrical work as detailed in the table.

Sl No.	Name of the works
	Zone 1
1.	Annual maintenance of electrical Equipments and maintenance of Crematorium at Kempapura, in Hebbala Kempapura Ward-No 09 (Call-2) (ST) **Estimated. Cost: ₹.16.00 Lakhs, Amount Put to Tender: ₹.13.56 Lakhs, EMD : ₹.16,950/-**
2.	Emergency Repair Works to Electrical Crematorium in Yalahanka Zone Ward No.03&09 (Call-2) (CAT-II(A)) **Estimated. Cost: ₹.10.00 Lakhs, Amount Put to Tender: ₹.8.47 Lakhs, EMD : ₹.10,600/-**
3.	Maintenence & repairs of Transformers, Pumpset, DG set in Yalahanka zone Ward No.08. (Call-2)(CAT-II(A)) **Estimated. Cost: ₹.10.00 Lakhs, Amount Put to Tender: ₹.8.47 Lakhs, EMD : ₹.10,600/-**
	Zone 2
4.	Annual maintenance of electrical Equipments and maintenance of Crematorium at Medi Agrahara Lakshmipura in Atturu Ward-No 03 (Call-2) (CAT-II(A)) **Estimated. Cost: ₹.16.00 Lakhs, Amount Put to Tender: ₹.13.56 Lakhs, EMD : ₹.16,950/-**

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from **25-02-2026**. (2) Bids must be submitted online through the KPP Portal on or before **04-03-2026** by **10:00** am (3) The bids will be opened on **05-03-2026** at **10.00** am.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, BNCC

Government of Karnataka
District Health & Family Welfare Society Office, D.C Office Premises, KOPPAL

Phone: 08539-221660 E-Mail : dhokoppal@gmail.com

Ref: DHS/RCH/KO/NHM/673/2025-26 Date: 23/02/2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Subject:- Inviting Tender for " Providing Manpower services under National Health Mission Program District Health and Family Welfare Society Koppal for the year 2026-27".

With reference to the above subject here by inviting 2 cover e-tender for Providing Manpower services under National Health Mission Program District Health and Family Welfare Society Koppal for the year 2025-26 E-Tender invited through E-Procurement (http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) Tender Amount Rs. 328.80 Lakhs and EMD amount Rs. 3,28,800.00/- and for needful information please contact Office P.No: 08539-221660. The Tender documents down loading & submission date as per below information;

INDENT NO :- DHFWS/2025-26/SE1962

01 NIT Published Date **23/02/2026** 11:00:00 am 02 Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders **24/03/2026** 05:00:00 pm 03 Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid **26/03/2026** 11:00:00 am

Sd/-Vice President
District Health & Family Welfare Society, Koppal

DIPR/Koppal/706/KSMCA/2025-26

BANK OF BARODA

ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಆಫ್ ಬರೋಡ / बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा / Bank of Baroda

Rajarajeshwari Nagar Branch, No.478, Ideal homes Township, R R Nagar, Bangalore-560098, Phone: 080-28605722

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable property) [See rule 8(1)]

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Bank of Baroda Rajarajeshwari Nagar Branch** under the Securitization and Enforcement of Security Interest (2nd) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **02-12-2025** calling upon the borrower **1) Smt. Shashikala B R Prop: Shashi Enterprises No**. 1498, 3rd cross, Kempegowda Road, Srinivasa Nagar, Pattegarpalya, Bangalore - 560072 **Guarantor: Sri V Krishna** S/o Girisetty Venkata Setty No. 1498, 3rd cross, Kempegowda Road, Srinivasa Nagar, Pattegarpalya, Bangalore 560072. **t**o repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **CASH CREDIT Loan of Rs. 3,73,302/- (Rupees Three lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Three Hundred and Two only) and TL Loan Rs. 7,60,074/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Sixty Thousand and Seventy Four only) as on 17-11-2025** together with further interest upto **18-11-2025** thereon at the contractual rate plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic possession** of the property described herein below under sub section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this the **20th day of February of the year 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for an amount of **CC Loan of Rs. 3,73,302/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Three Hundred and Two Only) and TL Loan Rs. 7,60,074/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Sixty Thousand and Seventy Four only)** as on **17-11-2025** and interest upto **18-11-2025** thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Hypothecation of Stocks

Hypothecation of Stock and book debts. Hypothecation of furniture, fixtures and Machinery

Description of the Immovable Property

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Equitable mortgage of Residential property bearing no. 26, Assessment no. 42, PID No. 37-53-36 measuring **East to West:** 40ft and **North to South:** 15ft in all measuring 600Sq.ft. situated at 2nd cross, Srinivasanagara, Mangala Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.

Date: 20-02-2026
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Chief Manager/Authorised Officer

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ
ಹೈದ್ರಾಬಾದ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ – 585201

ಇ–ಮೇಲ್:**apmcyadagiri@gmail.com apmcyadgir@rediffmail.com**

ಕಛೇರಿ/ಟೆಲಿಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್: 08473–250203,251382

ಸಂ:ಕೃಮಾಇ:ಕೃಉಮಾಸ:ಯಾ:ಅಭಿಕೆ: 525 2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:21.02.2026

::ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ::

ಯಾದಗಿರಿ, ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ. ವತಿಯಿಂದ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಕ್ರೀಯಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಮಯಗಳು 1999–2000 ಹಾಗೂ ಸರಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸುತ್ತೋಲೆಗಳಂತೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರಿಂದ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in (K.W-01 document)ರ ಮೂಲಕ ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟಿ–ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. 01) ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂ:132 ರಿಂದ 89 ಮತ್ತು 150 ರಿಂದ 92 ರ ವರೆಗೆ ಚರಂಡಿ ಕಲ್ವರ್ಟ ಮತ್ತು ಕವರ್ ಸ್ಲ್ಯಾಬ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮಾಡುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ಅಂದಾಜು 2,93,23,681.00 (ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ), ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 4,39,855.00. ಖಾಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಫೀ: ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಂತೆ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ: 165 ದಿನಗಳು. (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ) 02) ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂ:206 ರಿಂದ 215 ಮತ್ತು 216 ರಿಂದ 226 ರವರೆಗೆ ಬಾಕಿ ಉಳಿದ ಸಿ.ಸಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಚರಂಡಿ & ಕಲ್ವರ್ಟ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ 1,36,22,914.00 (ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ), ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.2,04,344.00 ಖಾಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಫೀ: ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಂತೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ:120 ದಿನಗಳು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ) 03) ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಡಳಿತ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸುಧಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.17,90,227.00 (ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ), ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.44,756.00, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ:60 ದಿನಗಳು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ). ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆ 02.03.2026 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ಆಡಳಿತ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:23.03.2026 ರವರೆಗೆ ಸಂಜೆ: 05:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:24.03.2026 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 05:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:27.03.2026 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 05:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ (ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ, ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಅಥವಾ https://kopp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ., ಯಾದಗಿರಿ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿ,, ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ., ಯಾದಗಿರಿ.

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ/ಯಾದಗಿರಿ/549/ಕೆ.ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಸಿ&ಎ/2025–26

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: SUNDARGARH

Near Bana Durga Temple, SANKARA, SUNDARGARH, DIST- Sundargarh-770020, E-mail address-serw_sundargarh@yahoo.com

25001/235/2526 **Office Order No. 1082 //Dtd. 17.02.2026**

1st Corrigendum

The date of availability of tender online/ date of seeking clarification/ date of opening of tender for all the works invited under NIT **Letter No.864 dtd-09.02.2026** vide Bid Identification **No: Online — RWCCESNG-36 of 2025-26** are hereby modified as follows:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification	Technical Bid Opening	Financial Bid Opening
		From	To			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh	RWCCESNG- 36 of 2025-26	25.02.2026 11:00 AM	11.03.2026 5:00 PM	10.03.2026 5:00 PM	12.03.2026 11:00 AM	Will be intimated separately

All other terms and Conditions are remained Unchanged.

OIPR-25001/25133/1/25-26/0046 **Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer , Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh**

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Siddhi Vihar, P.O. Engineering College, Burla, Dist: Sambalpur, Odisha, (India) -768 018

No.: VSSUT/VSSSIC/05/2026 Date: 23.02.2026

TENDER CALL NOTICE

44001/11/2526: Sealed bids, in two separate covers (technical bid and Price bid) are invited from original manufacturers / authorized suppliers/ authorized dealers for the supply, installation, commissioning, maintenance and demonstration of (1) Single-vessel Dip Coating System, (2) Digital Soldering Station (Temperature controlled) for the Veer Surendra Sai Space Innovation Centre (VSSSIC)", VSSUT, Burla, Sambalpur, Odisha. The tenders shall reach the office of the undersigned through **Speed/ Registered** post / Courier services only **on or before 12.03.2026 up to 4.30 PM.**

For more details, please visit our university website www.vssut.ac.in. The authority reserves right to accept or reject all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

OIPR- 44001/44006/1/25-26/0002 **Sd/- REGISTRAR**

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the Authorized Officer of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited (acting in capacity as Trustee for the below mentioned Trusts) (hereinafter referred to as "ARCIL") is incorporated under the companies Act, 1956 and registered as an Asset Reconstruction Company with the Reserve Bank of India of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial assets and Enforcement of security interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the SARFAESI Act") and whereas the Borrower / Co-Borrowers as mentioned in Column No. 2 of the below mentioned chart obtained loan from **"IIFL-Home Finance Ltd."**, the Original Lenders and whereas ARCIL has acquired the financial assets relating to the loan accounts mentioned herein below and whereas ARCIL being the secured creditor under the SARFAESI Act, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 2 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice calling upon the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers as mentioned herein below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with further interest thereon within 60 days from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served upon some of them for various reasons. **Name of Trust : Arcil - Trust -2026 - 015**

Name of Borrower's / Co-Borrower Name's/ Guarantor's/ LAN No.'s	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of the Property
Mr. Raghu T Mr. Thammaiah J Mrs. Meghana K **(Prospect No IL10880007)**	**05-Jan-2026, Rs.3732889.64/-** (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Nine Rupees And Sixty Four Paise Only)	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Being: Property Bearing Property No. 2/5, Situated At Chikkagollarahatti Village, Kengeri Hobli, Angalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka. 560056 Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_area, Built_up_area Property Area: 1175.00, 1700.00 Bounded By North: Residential Building South Residential Building East 20 Feet CC Road West Residential Building
Mr. Ananda Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Fabrication Mrs. Monisha **(Prospect No IL10891637)**	**05-Jan-2026, Rs.3564028.27/-** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Twenty Eight Rupees And Twenty Seven Paise Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Property Bearing Southern Portion of Site No.40 Assesment No.72, dasarhalli ward No.34, BBMP ward No.72 Situated at Shrigandakavalu Village, Yeshawanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Karanataka. 560091 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area Property Area: 600.00, 1050.00 Bounded By North: Vacant Plot South Private Building East Vacant Plot West Road

Notice, is therefore given to the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers, as mentioned herein above, calling upon them to make payment of the total outstanding amount as shown herein above, against the respective Borrower / Co-Borrower, within 60 days of publication of this notice. Failure to make payment of the total outstanding amount together with further interest by the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower, ARCIL shall be constrained to take u/s 13(4) for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described above, steps are also being taken for service of notice in other manners as prescribed under the Act and the rules made hereunder. You are put to notice that the said mortgage can be redeemed upon payment of the entire amount due together with costs, charges and expenses incurred by Arcil at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or private treaty for transfer by way of sale, as detailed in Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act.

Take note that in terms of S- 13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, you are hereby restrained from transferring and/or dealing with the Secured Properties in any manner by way of sale, lease or in any other manner

Place : Bangalore
Date : 25.02.2026
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd. (In capacity as Trustee)

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TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD

INVITATION OF BIDS -ITEM WAR (Two Cover System)
Second call (Short Term) e-Submission

IFB No.	28 /F.O & M of CWSS (K.T.C) 2026-29/DO /CE/VLR/2026/ /Dt.23.02.2026
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)
Tender Invitee	Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, No.8, 1st East Main Rd, Gandhi Nagar, Vellore -06
Downloading Period	**26.02.2026 to 12.03.2026 up to 15.00 Hours**
EMD Payable	Online Mode or e-BG through e-Tendering Website **https://tntenders.gov.in**
Pre Bid meeting	**04.03.2026 at 11.00 AM** at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid Submission	**12.03.2026 up to 15.00** Hours duly Digitally signed through e-Tendering Website **https://tntenders.gov.in**
Bid opening	**13.03.2026 at 15.30** Hours through e-Tender Portal

IFB No.	Name of work	Approximate value (incl. GST 18%) (Rs. in crore)	Bid security (Rs. in lakh)
28	Operation and maintenance of CWSS in 3 Districts Chengalpet-13 Nos, Kancheepuram-8 Nos & Thiruvallur-11 Nos. Total- 32 Nos. **(Pkg-43)** including repair, rectification works and supply of Chemicals for three years period from 01.04.2026 to 31.03.2029.	**21.35**	**16.50**

DIPR/ 1369 /TENDER/2026 **Chief Engineer (i/c), TWAD Board, Vellore-6**

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TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD

Invitation of Bids–Two Cover–Item War Tender System
(E-Submission – Short Term) (2nd Call)

IFB No.	29 to 32 /F.O&M of CWSS/SDO/CE-TNJ/2025 Dt.23.02.2026
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Thanjavur - 613 403
Sale of Bid	**26.02.2026 to 12.03.2026** up to 15.00 hours.
EMD Payable	Online Mode or eBG through E-Tendering website "https://tntenders.gov.in"
Pre Bid meeting	**05.03.2026** at **11.00** hours at the office of the Tender Invitee.
Bid Submission	**12.03.2026 before 15.00** hours duly Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website **"https://tntenders.gov.in"**
Bid opening	**13.03.2026** at **15.30** hours through E-Tender Portal **"https://tntenders.gov.in"**

IFB No.	Name of work	Appx. value (including 18% GST)	Bid security
	Operation and Maintenance of the following CWSS including repair, rectification works and supply of Chemicals for the period from 2026-27 to 2028 -29		
29	5 Nos of CWSS to Thanjavur District (**Pkg-26)**	Rs.13.38 Crore	Rs. 10.04 lakh
30	8 Nos of CWSS to Ariyalur District **(Pkg-27)**	Rs.31.91 Crore	Rs. 23.93 lakh
31	CWSS to 1766 in Pudukkottai District **(Pkg-33)**	Rs.48.33 Crore	Rs. 36.25 lakh
32	4 Nos of CWSS to Trichy District **(Pkg-37)**	Rs.28.06 Crore	Rs. 21.05 lakh

DIPR/ 1371 /TENDER/2026 **Chief Engineer (i/c), TWAD Board, Thanjavur.**

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Regd. Office: Larsen & Toubro Limited, L&T House, Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400 001.
CIN: L99999MH1946PLC004768
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Larsen & Toubro Limited, Shipbuilding Business, Kattupalli (Near Chennai)
Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (EOI)

L&T Shipbuilding invites EOI from reputed & experienced Service Providers/Contractors across India for the following at our Kattupalli Shipyard.

Hiring of Material Handling Equipment (MHE)

Scope:
- Hiring of Trailers, Forklifts, Hydras, Boom Lifts, Man Lifts, Cranes, Bolero / Eicher Pickup Trucks / Eq.
- Scope includes Operators, Maintenance, Statutory compliances, Insurance and adherence to L&T Safety Standards. Vendors to ensure operational availability.
- Contract period shall be one year extendable upto three years depending upon performance

Eligibility:
- Proven experience in similar Contracts in large Industrial Facilities, Shipyards & Heavy Engineering Projects.
- Adequate fleet strength
- Strong safety and Statutory compliance track record and valid Statutory licenses

New Shipbuilding & Ship Repair Contractors

Scope:
- Steel Fabrication & Erection, Piping, Electrical works, HVAC, Power Tooling, Blasting & Painting, Hygiene and Cleaning manpower, Equipment installation for New Shipbuilding or Ship Repairs

Eligibility:
- Proven experience in similar Contracts in New Shipbuilding, Ship Repair, Offshore & Marine Engineering Projects
- Skilled manpower
- Strong safety and Statutory compliance track record

Interested parties may submit EOI with Company Profile and Experience Credentials & detailed track record to the contact details provided below on or before 07.03.2026. L&T reserves the right to accept or reject any application without assigning reasons.

Pradeep Vel K	**9629064960**	pradeepvel.k@Larsentoubro.com
C Ramesh	**8939935133**	ramesh.c@Larsentoubro.com

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GLOBAL WEATHER

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Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

LR: Light Rain ● HR: Heavy Rain ● LS: Light Snow ● TDS: Thundershower ● LC: Light Cloud ● SNY: Sunny

France ups the ante in spat with US, says ministers won't meet envoy

US ambassador Charles Kushner refused to meet French ministers over death of US student

PARIS

FRANCE'S spat with the US ambassador to Paris took another turn Tuesday with the French foreign minister saying the top US diplomat in France must respond to a summons and won't have access to French government officials until he complies.

French authorities had summoned Ambassador Charles Kushner — the father of US President Donald Trump's son-in-law and adviser Jared Kushner — for a meeting on Monday over comments from the Trump administration that France objected to. But Kushner did not show up. The US Embassy did not respond.

On Tuesday, French Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot described the failure to attend the meeting as "a surprise" that flew in the face of diplomatic protocol and will dent Charles Kushner's ability to serve as an ambassador.

"It will, naturally, affect his capacity to exercise his mission in our country," Barrot told broadcaster France Info.

He said Kushner "is bringing difficulties on himself. Because for an ambassador to be able to do his job he needs access to members of the government."

"There is nothing more usual than summoning an ambassador when explanations need to be made," he said. "When these explanations have taken place, then the US ambassador in France will, naturally, regain access to members of the French government."

France's foreign ministry had summoned Kushner over Trump administration tweets relating to the beating death in France of a far-right activist, Quentin Deranque. The 23-year-old student, a nationalist, was beaten by a group earlier this month in Lyon, in fighting that erupted between far-left and far-right activists. He later died of brain injuries.

In a post last week on X, the State Department's Counterterrorism Bureau said "violent radical leftism is on the rise and its role in Quentin Deranque's death demonstrates the threat it poses to public safety." The US Embassy in Paris posted the same statement.

Barrot said France needs to discuss the comments with Kushner.

Relatives of those killed stand near the Wall of Remembrance to mark the fourth anniversary of the Russian invasion in Bucha, Ukraine, on Tuesday | AP

Zelenskyy says Putin has 'not broken' Ukrainians

KYIV

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Tuesday that Russia has not "broken Ukrainians" nor triumphed in its war, four years after an invasion that has tested the resolve of Kyiv and its allies and fueled European fears about the scale of Moscow's ambitions.

In a show of support, more than a dozen senior European officials headed to the Ukrainian capital to mark the anniversary of the conflict, which has killed tens of thousands of people, upended life for millions, and created instability beyond its borders.

Zelenskyy said his country has withstood the onslaught by Russia's bigger and better equipped army, which over the past year of fighting captured just 0.79% of Ukraine's territory, according to the Institute for the Study of War, a Washington-based think tank. Russia now holds nearly 20% of Ukraine.

"Looking back at the beginning of the invasion and reflecting on today, we have every right to say: We have defended our independence, we have not lost our statehood," Zelenskyy said on social media, adding that Russian President Vladimir Putin has "not achieved his goals."

"He has not broken Ukrainians; he has not won this war," Zelenskyy said.

Despite the show of defiance, Ukraine has struggled to hold off Russia's onslaught, and the war has brought widespread hardship for Ukrainian civilians. Russia's aerial attacks have devastated families and denied civilians power and running water.

Putin made no mention of the anniversary nor did he say how the war was going when he spoke at a meeting in Moscow of top officials of the Federal Security Service, or FSB, on Tuesday.

However, he told them that the threat of Ukrainian attacks on Russian soil has grown. Ukraine has increasingly deployed long-range drones to strike Russia. *AP*

World order top concerns of Merz on China visit

BEIJING

THE first official trip to China by German Chancellor Friedrich Merz comes as his country's manufacturers face increasing pressure from Chinese competitors and as US President Donald Trump shakes up a post-World War II order.

Merz is set to arrive Wednesday for a two-day visit. Besides Germany's growing trade deficit with China, Merz is expected to raise Chinese backing for Russia's position in the war in Ukraine, though no change from the Chinese side is foreseen. China is seeking support from other nations to push back against Trump's challenges to international rules and organisations, but Merz has signalled wariness about China's view of a 21st century order. Success may be measured by finding small ways to cooperate despite differences on major issues.

"As the world's second and third largest economies, sound China-Germany relations serve the interests of both sides and meet the expectations of the international community," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said Tuesday. Merz opens his trip with talks Wednesday with China's Premier Li Qiang and top leader Xi Jinping, whose reduced international travel means foreign leaders must travel to Beijing to meet him. *AP*

IRAN MILITARY HELICOPTER CRASHES INTO MARKET

TEHRAN

AN Iranian military helicopter crashed into a fruit and vegetable market in central Iran on Tuesday, reportedly killing at least four people.

The crash happened in the town of Dorcheh, some 330 kilometers (205 miles) south of Iran's capital, Tehran, in the country's Isfahan province, Iranian state television reported. Isfahan is home to a major Iranian air base, as well as a nuclear site struck by the U.S. during the Iran-Israel war in June.

The army helicopter had been on a training flight, state TV said. The pilot and co-pilot died in the crash, it added, showing footage of debris and smoke rising from the market.

Iran's semiofficial Fars news agency said two people on the ground at the market died in the crash.

This is the second crash in less than a week in Iran. An F-4 fighter jet crashed near Iran's western city of Hamedan, killing one of its pilots.

Iran has a history of fatal crashes involving jets.

Western sanctions have dried up the supply of parts for aircraft in Iran, which relies on a fleet of aging helicopters and airplanes for both its government and commercial-owned airlines. *AP*

The scene of a helicopter crash in the town of Dorcheh some 205 miles (330 kilometers) south of the capital Tehran, Iran, Tuesday | AP

LOST DOCUMENT

I Harshavardhini V, have Lost My Original Sale Deed, While shifting my residence on 03/02/2026, Document Registration No. 960, dated 31.3.1993, Situated at Ward No. 23, Municipal No. HIG-81, Navanagar, Amargol Village. Hubli, District Dharwad, Finder Please Return to nearest Police Station or Call : 9513385156

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Tender Notice No.CEE/P/SC-2x25KV-OHR-MBNR-DHNE-2025-26-01 Date: 16.02.2026

For and on behalf of the President of the Union of India, Chief Electrical Engineer (Projects), Secunderabad invites (online) e-tender for the following works.

S.No.: 01 **Tender No.:** 2x25kV-OHE-MBNR-DHNE, dt.13.02.2026 **Description of work :** "Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning for OHE upgradation of existing 1x25kV system to 2x25kV AT feeding system with feeder and earthing works in Mahabubnagar (MBNR) (excl) - Dhone (DHNE) (excl) section of Hyderabad Division under South Central Railway. Total 184RKM/184TKM". **Approx. Value** (₹): 88,43,80,683.65 **Earnest Money should be pay through online** (₹): 4571900.00 **Cost of Tender form in** (₹): Nil **Completion period** : 18 Months (Eighteen Months) **Place of tender opening:** Secunderabad

Closing of Tender through e-tender (online) **Time:** 15.00 Hrs **Date:** 02.04.2026

Opening of Tender through e-tender (online) **Time:** 15.30 Hrs **Date:** 02.04.2026

If the date of opening of tender happens to be a declared holiday at a later date, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the stipulated time.

For further tender conditions / details and for submission of Tender, please visit our website **www.ireps.gov.in**

Any modification to the tender documents / corrigendum / addendum if required will be posted on the above website.

Chief Electrical Engineer/ Projects/Secunderabad

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For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

this is to inform the general public that my client Mr. Anthony Raj @ Kumar S/o. Late Richard is the absolute owner of the Property bearing Site No. 24, Old Khatha No. 165/1, New Khatha No. 111/24, Assessment No. 6/7, and 7/6, of Nagareswara Naganahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,; measuring East to West: 25 feet and North to South: 40 feet,; and bounded on the East by: Road, West by: Site No. 17, North by: Site No. 25 and South by: Site No. 23. While renovating his house, my client has lost the (1) Original Sale Deed dated 18/05/2004, Doc No. KRI-1-04051/2004-05, C.D. No. KRID48, Book-1, SRO, K.R. Puram. (2) Original Sale Deed dated 20/11/2002, Doc No. 12502/2002-03, Volume-2771, Book-1, Page Nos. 6 to 11, SRO, Krishnarajapura, pertaining to the said property. In the event any person having the above said original documents, kindly handover the same to the below mentioned address within 07 days of the publication of this notice. The general public are informed not to act on the basis of the said original documents.

SOMASHEKHARA A.N. Advocate
No. 105, 3rd Floor, MR Mansion
12th 'D' Main Road, Muthyalanagar
Bengaluru - 560 054.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (DRT-II)

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Rajabhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001.
O.A. No. 1076 / 2025

Between
Bank of Baroda
Banashankari Branch
Bangalore-560050. ..... Applicant
Vs And
M/s. New Anugraha Grand & another .... Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE-23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

Defendant No. 1 to 2 :
1. M/s. New Anugraha Grand
Represented by its Proprietor,
Mr. Ranganatha .M, S/o. Mr. Manjanna .R
Aged about 38 years,
No. 01, Urdigere, Devarayanadurga Cross, Dabaspete Hobli, Tumkur Main Road, Bangaore Rural Dist - 572 140.
2. Mr. Ranganatha .M
S/o. Mr. Manjanna .R, Aged about 38 years Proprietor of M/s. New Anugraha Grand, Residing at No. 12, 2nd Main Road, Near Aralimara, Nelagadaranahalli, Bangalore-560073.

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS 1 TO 2 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993 against the defendants / you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 54,84,720/-** (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **04.05.2026 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the relief prayer for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on the **9th day of February 2026.**

(Registrar)
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II
Bangalore-560 001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mrs.Mavis S D/o Mr.Stanley Sampath Kumar and Mr.Mervyn S S/o Mr.Stanley Sampath Kumar** are intending to purchase the schedule property from **Sri.K.Sathish S/o Late. Krishnappa and Smt.M.Komala W/o Sri.K.Sathish** ; person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land measuring **02 acres 06 guntas** Kharab in bearing **Old Sy.No.42/1 and New Sy.No.42/6**, Situated at **ALPPANAHALLY village, Sasalu Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** and bounded on :
East by : Road, West by : Land belongs to Adeppa, North by : Remaining Land belongs to Anjinamma, South by : Land belongsto Venkatamuttaiah

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants Bangalore-43
M : 9845846428, 9108784843
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IN THE COURT OF LXVIII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH 69) AT BENGALURU

O.S. No. 4374/2023

BETWEEN:
State Bank of India, At : RACPC, Basavanagudi Branch, Bengaluru - 560 004, **...Plaintiff.**
And:
Mrs. Mallika Manikandan ....Defendant

SUMMONS UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 (1-A) OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, Mrs. Mallika Manikandan W/o. K. L. Manikandan, Aged Major, No. 136, 6th Cross, 2nd Main, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560 018 **...Defendants**

Whereas, the Plaintiff herein has instituted a case seeking for the relief of recovery money, sum of **Rs.5,47,094/-** as on 17.01.2023 together with court cost and future normal interest at the rate of 9.80 % per annum compounded monthly from the 18.01.2023 till its realization against you before this Hon'ble court.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the City Civil Court (Hall - 69) at Bengaluru, in person or through a pleader on the **7th day of March 2026 at 11.00 A.M.** to answer the same, failing which the case will be disposed as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court This day of **07.02.2026.**

By the Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Pramod Kumar B. S.
Advocate for Plaintiff
Nandish Patil & Praveen Patel
Advocates, No. 595, 52nd Cross, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Near Ram Mandir, Bengaluru - 560 010,
nandispatillawchembers@gmail.com

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY

E-TENDER CALL NOTICE

No:CE/PHD(M)/ACCTS-16/25/55 Dt:17/02/2026

Name of the work: Operational work of pump houses at different locations (BHC, Sector-04, Sector-21) in & around Paradip Port on job contact basis under P.H. Division for the year 2026-28 (Two years). Estimated cost: **Rs.1,06,66,233.30/-**. Last date & time of submission: **10.03.2026 up to 17.30 Hrs.** Refer our website for details: ***eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app***

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PHD (M), Paradip Port Authority

PPA/PR/70/2025-2026 dt. 23.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is here by notify that, my clients, **1. SRI. ASHIT POPAT DESHMUKH, 2. SMT. SONALI ASHIT DESHMUKH 3. SRI. AMIT POPAT DESHMUKH, 4. SMT. MADHURI AMIT DESHMUKH**, residents of Bangalore are intending to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner SMT. SHAKUNTALA.D W/o, Krishna.V resident of Bangalore.

Any person/s having any objections or claims of any manner whatsoever are called upon to approach the under signed along with documents in support of such claims/objections, if any within 7 days from this date, in the event of no such claims are received, it would be presumed that, no third party is having any objections/claims for my clients to proceed with the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that the piece and parcel of the property bearing its present BBMP No.9/3, old No.1 A, [bearing PID No.31-25-9/3] [EPID No.1173538713] situated at 8th Cross, Kempapura Agrahara Bangalore , [within in the limits of B.B.M.P Present Ward No. 121 [22nd division] site measuring East to West 48 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally 1440 sq, feet, along with in ground floor 240 sq feet one Shop, 1100 sq, feet house in first floor, 1100 sq feet house in 2nd floor RCC roofed, red oxide flooring, jungle wood doors building constructed Theron and bounded on the:- **East by** : BBMP property No.9/2,
West by : Road,
North by : Conservancy Lane,
South by : Property belongs to K.Basavaiah,

NAME AND ADRESS OF THE ADVOCATE:- MANJUNATHA. A,
977, NAGARTHPET MAIN ROAD,
BANGALORE – 560002.
Mobile No. 9900169555.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that my client interested to purchase the schedule property mentioned herein below from H.K. Subbaiah, aged about 91 years, S/o. H.S. Krishnappa, residing at No.812, 5th Main, 6th Cross, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru - 560 040.

The Possession Certificate dated 16-06-1967 issued by City Improvement Trust Board (CITB), issued in the name of H.K. Subbaiah, S/o. H.S. Krishnappa and Lease cum Sale Agreement dated 22-05-1968, registered as Doc. No.998/1967-68, Vol 14, Page No.247, SRO, Sriramapuram, Bengaluru, in respect of the schedule property is either said to have been lost or misplaced and the same are not traceable. The Police Complaint also lodged before the jurisdictional police vide last Report No.2079168 of 2026 dated 24-02-2026.

If any person has any claim or any objections in the matter of sale of the schedule property or loss of Possession Certificate dated 16-06-1967 issued by City Improvement Trust Board (CITB), issued in the name of H.K. Subbaiah, S/o. H.S. Krishnappa and Lease cum Sale Agreement dated 22-05-1968, registered as Doc. No.998/1967-68, Volume 14, Page No.247, SRO, Sriramapuram, Bengaluru, in respect of the schedule property, may contact the undersigned within **seven days** from the date of this notice, failing which it would be presumed that there are no claims over the said property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing site No.812, Magadi Road, Chord Road Extension, presently situated at 5th Main, 6th Cross, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru – 560 040, presently within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, PID No.36-34-15, present E-PID No.6757090960, Ward No.105 Agrahara Dasarahalli, measuring East to West 60 Ft. and North to South 40 Ft. together with building thereon and bounded on:- East by : Road. West by : Site No.793. North by : Site No.811; South by : Site No.813

THRIBHUVAN.K & RATHNAMALA.N,
ADVOCATES, No. 23/3, First Floor, Anand's Building, Hare Krishna Road, High Grounds, Bengaluru - 560 001.
Email: thribhuvan.adv@gmail.com
Mob: 99020 64046, 95353 55713

PUBLIC NOTICE

I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Haseen Taj D/o Late. Anwar Sab** Aged about 44 years R/at, Ward No.1, 1st Cross, Ashoka Nagara, Vijayapura Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, and another have filed the above petition for the death certificate of **Late. Anwar Sab S/o Late. Dodda Adam Sab who died on 01.12.2024** at Vijayapura Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble 2nd Additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing on **04.04.2026 at 11 A.M. in C.Misc No. 118/2026.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Manjula B.R, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that my client **Mr.A.MANOJ KUMAR,** S/o Arumugam, aged about 35 years, residing at No. 4, 3rd Cross, Ayyappa Block, Vanarpet, Viveknagar post, Bangalore-560047 has agreed to purchase the immovable property described in the schedule hereunder from **Mr. ANAND,** S/o Abhayya, aged about 40 years, residing at No.5, 3rd Cross, Ayyappa Block, Shanthinagara, Viveknagar Post, Bangalore-560047

The vendor claims to be the absolute owner of the said property having acquired the same by way of registered will dated 02/04/1994 registered as Document No.04 Book No. 4 Page No. 172-174, Volume No. 204, in the office of the sub registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore. Any person/s having any right, title, interest, claim, lien, charge, mortgage, inheritance, tenancy, litigation or any encumbrance whatsoever over the said property is hereby required to intimate the undersigned with documentary proof within **21 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client shall proceed with the purchase of the said property, and such claims, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE

All the part and parcel of the immovable property residential premises situated at Corporation New No.10, situated at 3rd Cross, Ayyappa Block, Vannarpet, Bangalore, **PID No. 71-42-10, E-PID No. 7270269147,** measuring East to West 9 feet, North to South 30 feet, in all totally 270 Sq.ft., consisting of Ground Floor, sheet house, constructed with bricks, jungle wood Doors and windows, Red oxide flooring and with civic amenties and bounded as follows: **East by:** Private property, **West by:** common passage, **North by:** Private property, **South by:** Road.

Sd/- Smt. Parvathi.Y, Advocate
No.35, Near Sri Rama Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Chellekere, Kalyannagar Post, Bengaluru-560043 **Mob: 9902911816**
Place: Bangalore Date: 25-02-2026

IN THE COURT OF LXV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH 66) AT BENGALURU

O.S. No. 4369/2023

BETWEEN:
State Bank of India, At : RACPC, Basavanagudi Branch, Bengaluru - 560 004, **...Plaintiff.**
And:
Guru M ....Defendant

SUMMONS UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 (1-A) OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, Guru M. S/o. Marappa, Aged about 39 years, No. 62, 10th Cross, Venkatappa Layout, Hosakerehalli, Bengaluru - 560 085 Mobile No. 7892776832 **...Defendants**

Whereas, the Plaintiff herein has instituted a case seeking for the relief of recovery money, Account No. 37147458063 sum of **Rs.6,81,296/-** as on 17.01.2023 together with court cost and future normal interest at the rate of 8.65 % per annum compounded monthly from the 18.01.2023 till its realization against you before this Hon'ble court.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the City Civil Court (Hall - 66) at Bengaluru, in person or through a pleader on the **23.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M.** to answer the same, failing which the case will be disposed as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court This day of **04.02.2026.**

By the Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Pramod Kumar B. S.
Advocate for Plaintiff
Nandish Patil & Praveen Patel, Advocates, No. 595, 52nd Cross, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Near Ram Mandir, Bengaluru - 560 010,
nandispatillawchembers@gmail.com

DOCUMENT LOST

I, **ZAKIR HUSSAIN,** R/at Flat No. 201, MM Plaza, CM Lane Jolly Mohalla, Bangalore-560953 do hereby inform to the general public that in between 28-12-2025 and 23-02-2026, while I was travelling near Kalasipalya near Popular Junction, I have lost the document of Sale Deed pertaining to the property, vide Doc. No. GAN-1-00528-2006-07, Book-1 STORED in CD NO GAND63 dated 5/5/2006 registered before the sub registrar Gandhinagar Bangalore. Inspite of my best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regard on 23-02-2026, I had lodged online complaint at Police Unit: Bengaluru City, Vide Lost Report No. 2078292/2026. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on **9341431818.**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: Project-SWR-2x25-SBC-JTJ Dated: 09.02.2026

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of Traction Overhead equipment (OHE) for Upgradation work of Electric Traction System from 1x25 kV to 2x25 kV traction system for Bengaluru (SBC) - Jolarpet (JTJ) section of Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway to meet 3000 MT loading target.	Rs. 1,46,15,06,970.25/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 11.03.2026

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Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer/Project/ Bengaluru

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client, **M/s. Sri Green Assets Mysore Private Limited** [formerly known as Green Assets Mysore Private Limited], represented by its authorised representative Mr. Ashok Kumar, having its registered office at Hegde Industries, No.174/C, 1st Main Road, Vidyaranya Nagar, Magadi Road, Tollgate Circle, Vijayanagar Extension, Bengaluru 560023, is the absolute owner and in lawful possession of the property bearing No. 1A, Ground Floor, "Madhuban", situated at Lakkasandra, Hosur Road, Adugodi, Bangalore, together with residential apartment constructed thereon, measuring in all 1215 sq. ft., under Document No. BMH/1-05157/2015-16 dated 29/10/2015, recorded in the records of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike [PID NO- 63-40-23-191].

It is hereby informed that the original Sale Deed, along with the copy of tax paid receipts and Khata certificate pertaining to the above said property, have been lost/ misplaced while travelling from Shankarapura to V.V. Puram. In this regard, a police complaint has been lodged through online portal vide Lost Report No. 2077596/2026.

The general public is hereby cautioned that if any person finds or comes into possession of the aforesaid original documents, the same shall be returned to the undersigned ***within 7 (seven) days*** from the date of publication of this notice.

Further, the general public is hereby informed and cautioned that any person dealing with or entering into any transaction in respect of the above said property on the basis of the said lost/misplaced original documents shall be doing so at their own risk, cost and consequences, and my client shall not be liable or responsible for any such transaction or claim arising therefrom.

K.S. Nagamanju, *B.A., MSW., LL.B.,* **Advocate**
No. 39, "Sri Sai Nilaya", 2nd Main Road, Near Mount Seniria School, F.F. Layout, Laggere, Bangalore-560058
M: 99868 29368
Place: Bangalore Date: 25.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to Inform the General Public, my Client **Smt. LEELAVATHY. K.,** Aged 57 years, W/o. Sri. S. Shankar, R/at : No. 215, 3rd C Main, OMBR Layout, Chikka Banaswadi, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore - 560 043, had lost Documents bearing **(1). Absolute Sale Deed Document No. BDA-1-09957/2005-06, of Book-1, Dated : 17-02-2006, Stored in CD. No. BDAD105, Registered in the Office of the Sub Registrar, BDA, Bangalore (2). Allotment Letter, (3). Possession Certificate and all Challans, Payment Receipts in respect of the Schedule Property.**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing **Site. No. 124, Banashankari 5th Stage Layout (Survey Nos. 85 and 86 of Uttarahalli),** measuring **East to West 12.19 Mtrs** and **North to South 9.14 Mtrs, in total 111.41 Sq. Mtrs** and bounded on
East by : Road, West by : Site. No. 133, North by : Site. No. 123, South by : Site. No. 125.

If found please contact
Sri. PRADEEP. M., B.Com, LLB., Advocate
Sri. Maruthi Law Associates,
No. 182, Anjaneya Temple Street, Old KEB Road, Dodda Banaswadi, Bangalore - 560 043
Mob : 9945332706, 7892540395
Bangalore Dated : 24.02.2026

IN THE COURT OF THE XVI ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE

IN P & SC. NO. 93/2025

BETWEEN: AR NIRMAL KUMAR Since dead by his LR,
1. A.N. Mahavir S/o Late A.R. Nirmal Kumar, #274, Meghana Nivas, 3rd stage BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore South,- Bangalore 560 009. **2. A.N. Navin** C/o Late A.R. Nirmal Kumar, No. 1302, 13th Floor, Maratt Pinmento Apartment, JP Nagar 4th Phase, Bangalore south, Bangalore 560076.
RESPONDENT: Nil

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the above named petitioner have made Petition to this Court under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the petitioner, in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held by Late AKA Rajappa, father of petitioner herein who expired on 20/08/2006.

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on 13.03.2026 at 11 a.m. inform to show cause against the petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex- parties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Name of the Company KEC International Limited, Name of shareholder- A K Appanna setty Rajappa, Folio No A000102, Share certificate No- 804, Distinct from 6407006 to 6411505 (4500 shares), Face Value of each Share- 2Rs/Share. And If any.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 20th day of Jan. 2026.

By order of the Court
Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bangalore
K. Chandra Mohan, Advocate, **R.K. Associates**
No. 19, Queens Road, Bengalore-560052
Mo: 9845202111

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that **Kerala Samajam Dooravaninagar (R),** is intending to purchase the Schedule Property owned and possessed jointly by **Mr. ANISH KRISHNAN.C.R, Mr. ANUP KRISHNAN.C.R and Mr. ARUN KRISHNAN.C.R**. They have represented to us, that they are the joint absolute owners of the Schedule property which was acquired by way of a registered gift deed from their Father, **Sri. C.P.Radhakrishnan,** and have agreed to sell the same. Any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase and any person/s having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the schedule property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the undersigned, within Seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. Further, claims or alleged interest or objections if any, which are not received within (07) Seven days of publication of this notice shall be considered to have been consciously waived or abandoned for all intents and purposes and shall no longer be binding. Any objections and /or claims and /or response received thereafter will not be binding on us and that we will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there are no claims/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immovable House Property bearing Site No. 37 ITI notified area Khatha No. 270/1/93, situated at Apparao layout, Sy No 93, Kowdenahalli, Ramamurthynagar, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk, previously comes under the limits of Krishnarajapura CMC Bangalore, now under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) / GBA, ward 25 Horamavu, bearing E PID No. 8802267276 Measuring East to West: 60 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet, in all measuring 2400 Square Feet and bounded on the:
EAST by : 25 Feet Road,
WEST by : Site No. 61 and 62
NORTH by : Site No. 38
SOUTH by : Site No. 36.

Sd/- General Secretary,
KERALASAMAJAM DOORAVANINAGAR ®,
Registered Office at No. D-69, ITI Township, Dooravaninagar PO, Bangalore, PIN-560 016, Ph: 25651999, Email dkshsjubilee@yahoo.com
Place:Bengaluru Date: 25/02/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public hereby notice that my client **Aqeeb Shariff,** residing at Yarab Nagar, Near K.E.B, Rehmaniya Nagar, Ramanagara, Bengaluru South, Karnataka – 562 159, Our client is the absolute owner of the Property bearing Municipal Katha No.C-4, present E-Katha No.240/10/2/C/4/241/10/2/C-5, (PID No.22-4-525-56), Situated at No.56, B-3 East, 8th Main Road, Block-4, Kothipura, 1stage, ward no.22, Rahmaniya Nagar, Ramanagara Town, and District, measuring East to West: 17.373635 meters or 57 feets, North to South: 14.020828 meters or 46 feet in total measuring 243.591666 square meters or 2622 square feet, our client has informed that he lost the Originals of registered Sale Deed Document No.8250/2016-17, Sale Deed Document No.9698/2021-22 and Rectification Deed Document No.7809/2022-23, after his best effort to search he could not trace out the same, while travelling from Majestic bus stop to Ramanagara, in this regard-our client has lodged a complaints vide Lost Report No.2078221/2026, 2078212/2026 and 2078202/2026, dated 23.02.2026, intimating the loss of above mentioned deeds, to the Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police and it is requested to the General Public that if it is found they may hand over to the address given below, it is made clear that if the above mentioned Original of above mentioned deeds are used for any wrongful and illegal purpose, my client would not be liable for the same.

S A Law Associates
No.29/1, Old No.54, G.Floor Nanjappa Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru -560027
Date : 24.02.2026

IN THE COURT OF THE XII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-18) O.S. No.8746/2025

Plaintiff : Sri. Ravi.R, S/o late Sri. Ramaiah B, Aged about 42 years, Residing at No. 2050/18, 1st Main Road, 10th Cross, Maruthi Hospital, Hamipanagar, Bangalore 560040. **V/s**
Defendant : Sri. B. Ramaiah

NOTICE / SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT NO. 6

To, **Sri. B. Ramaiah**
(the impersonated Person)
S/o late Boregowda, R/at No. No. 13, 9th Cross, Pipe Line Road, Near JP Park, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560023
Defendant No.6

Whereas the above named plaintiff instituted a suit against you and others for Partition and Consequential reliefs.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this court on **08.04.2026** at 11.a.m in person or through advocate/pleader to answer the questions to the same. Failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Schedule (Immovable Property)

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site No.15, Property No.39/1- 15, E-Khatha No.2017862111**, formed in Survey No. 39/1 of Nagarbhavi Village, Yeswanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently situated at 9th F Main Road, Bairaveshwaranagara, Bangalore, now comes under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Mudalapalya BBMP Ward No. 127, Bangalore measuring East to West: 20 feet and North to South: 38 feet totally measuring 760 sq ft and together with 1 square AC Sheet House and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto whatsoever above or beneath the surface and bounded on:
East by : Site No.16, belonging to Government First Grade College;
West by : Site No.14; North by : Road;
South by : Site No.12.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 21st day of February 2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff
B. S. ANANTHA KRISHNA
BSA Law Partners
No. 631/118, 9th Cross, Prakashnagar, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 3rd Stage, Bangalore 560 021. Ph No: 7411490256

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KENDRAPARA-JAJPUR.

AT-CHANDIKHOLE, PO-SUNGUDA, JAJPUR -754296, Email:serw_kpd@yahoo.com

No. Tender Online RCK-04/26 Letter No.- 819 Date :- 19.02.2026

25001/206/2526 **e-Procurement Notice**

1. Name of the work : Tender for the Road works under (MMSY-TRIP & Impvt. Existing RD Road & DRR) in the Dist. of Jajpur
2. Class of Contractor : As specified in the Column-6 of the Annexure
3. Time of Completion : As specified in the Column-7 of the Annexure
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure Attached
5. Other Details:

Procurement Officer	Bid identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of opening tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle Kendrapara-Jajpur	Tender online RCK-04/26	02.03.2026 upto 11.00 A.M	24.03.2026 upto 05.00 P.M	24.03.2026 up to 02.00 P.M	25.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M	will be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

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Chief Construction Engineer
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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
1,068.74 ↓	Sensex	82,225.92	₹430 ↑	24 carat (10 gm)	₹ 161,930	₹15,000 ↓	1 kg	₹285,000	↑ Dollar	90.96
288.35 ↓	Nifty	25,424.65	₹400 ↑	22 carat (10 gm)	₹148,450	₹150 ↓	10 gm	₹2,850	↓ Euro	107.15

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IT stocks decline on concerns over AI disruption

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

SHARES of leading IT firms have lost up to one-fourth of their value in February over concerns about AI-led disruptions, particularly following the launch of Google-backed Anthropic's new Claude AI security tool, which has added to uncertainty around the sector's earnings outlook.

While Nifty IT Index has declined 21% so far in February 2026, some of its constituents have seen a much larger fall. Shares of Coforge, which plummeted 5.2% on Tuesday, have declined 26% so far in February while LTIMindtree, which fell 6.4% on Tuesday, is down 24.3%. Among the heavyweights, TCS has lost 17.4% of its value while HCL Tech and Infosys shares are down 21-22% so far this month.

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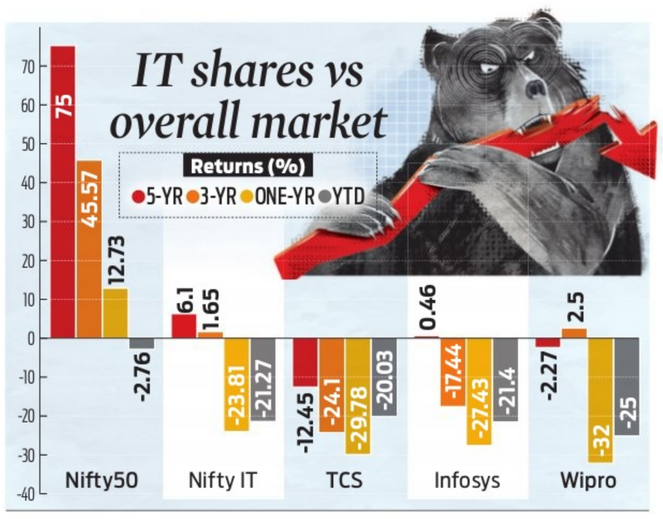
On Tuesday, the sell-off in IT stocks extended its pace with Nifty IT slipping to a multi-year low. The latest crash is attributed to a report by Citrini Research which outlined a scenario where Indian tech majors such as TCS and Infosys may see contract cancellations accelerating through 2027 as the marginal cost of AI coding agents collapses.

The report highlighted that India's IT sector was largely built on the premise of cost-effectiveness but with artificial intelligence disrupting the coding business, the dependence on the Indian tech sector will shrink.



Global brokerage Jefferies has also turned cautious on India's IT services sector, warning that artificial intelligence could structurally alter business models and compress valuations. The global brokerage downgraded the TCS to Underperform and slashed the price target to ₹2,350 (last traded price: ₹2,581). For Infosys, price target was reduced to ₹1,290 (LTP: ₹1,280).

Sunny Agrawal, head of fundamental research at SBI Securities, said at present the sector is out of favour. "While IT companies are expected to see productivity gains through AI, the primary concern remains growth. The bigger question is ramp-up of deals, which is a key for growth. The sector may continue to underperform despite having attractive valuation. Investors shall concentrate on domestic story," said Agrawal.

IT Stocks, once seen as a major wealth creator, have given poor to negative returns in the last few years owing to prolonged recession and artificial intelligence (AI)-led disruption.

IDFC First stocks recover as Haryana gets back money

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

SHARES of IDFC First Bank closed in the green on Tuesday after Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini informed the state Assembly that the government had recovered ₹556 crore out of the ₹590 crore lost in an internal fraud allegedly involving certain bank and government employees.

The stock ended 1.3% higher at ₹70.79, a day after plunging nearly 20% in the wake of the fraud disclosure. This came even as benchmark indices fell over 1%, triggering a broader sell-off on Dalal Street.

The ₹590 crore fraud, involving accounts of the Haryana government, came to light on Sunday. The bank said the incident resulted from collusion between some of its employees and external parties.

Earlier in the day, Saini said the state had recovered Rs 556 crore from the bank and that the remaining amount was also safe. "Nearly ₹556 crore, including about ₹22 crore in interest, came back within 24 hours," he was quoted as saying.

The chief minister added that the incident involved a specific branch in Chandigarh, with four to five mid- and lower-level bank employees allegedly colluding in the fraud. He said the government would ensure strict action against all those involved — whether bank employees, private individuals or government officials.

The state has asked the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) to conduct an in-depth probe. Meanwhile, the bank has appointed KPMG to carry out a forensic audit. "We have formed a committee headed by the Finance Secretary in this entire matter," Saini said on Monday.

In a specially convened call with investors and analysts before markets opened on Monday, Managing Director and CEO V Vaidyanathan said the bank would take provisions related to the fraud. He described the incident as the result of collusion between certain bank employees and external parties.

> **I want to clarify before the House that the money concerning our govt departments, the entire amount has been deposited back into our accounts** — Nayab Singh Saini, chief minster, Haryana

Mkt falls over tariffs, growing US-Iran hostility

Trump warns of higher duties on exports to US

Trump has warned overseas govts that aligning with court's ruling may trigger steeper duties on US exports

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity market fell sharply on Tuesday amid the ongoing crack in IT stocks and investors rushing to profits as global cues turn hostile. Sensex fell over 1,350 points to hit an intraday low of 81,934, while Nifty50 fell 1.5% to 25,327.

At the close, Sensex fell 1.28% to settle at 82,225.92, while Nifty fell 1.12% to end at 25,424.65. Nifty IT index crashed by 4% on Tuesday.

The market is facing uncertainty after the US Supreme Court invalidated Donald Trump's global tariff. Though a big positive for India and many nations, this has prompted the Trump administration to double down on trade barriers. As per reports, officials plan to invoke Section 232 of the 1962 Trade Expansion Act. Trump has warned countries that aligning with court's ruling could trigger steeper duties on their US-bound exports.

"Global trade and tariff worries resurfaced as well, with pressure arising from Trump's warnings on trade deals and reports of possible national-security tariffs," said Vinod Nair, research head, Geojit Investments. Renewed tension between Iran and the US has also pushed Brent crude prices near a six-month high of $72/barrel.

Centre restores duty reimbursement rates for agri product exporters

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

A day after commerce ministry halved Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (or RoDTEP) rates for all products, the rates for agriculture, dairy, meat and marine products have been restored as per the notification issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade on Tuesday.

Exporters from other sectors such as textiles, leather, handicrafts, sports goods and engineering products are also seeking relief from ministry.

"RoDTEP is not any incentive, but a duty refund. At a time when exporters are facing challenges due to global turmoil, halving the RoDTEP rate will make it even more challenging for exporters," said a textile exporter on the condition of anonymity.

The Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) has requested the government to revisit this decision to ensure that textile exporters are not impacted. Textile export orders are locked in two-three months ahead, with prices set based on prevailing remission benefits. The cap on RoDTEP can incur severe losses to the exporters.

Ajay Srivastava, founder, Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI), explained when the RoDTEP rate falls from 2% to 1% and the value cap from ₹50 to ₹25 per kg, the refund can drop from ₹20 to ₹5 for a 20 kg shipment. "This decline does not reflect any reduction in embedded domestic taxes and shifts cost back onto exporters, undermining tax neutrality."

First round of India, Israel FTA talks begins

Union minister Piyush Goyal on Monday met a delegation of Israel visiting India for the first round of negotiations on the proposed India-Israel free trade agreement (FTA), scheduled from Feb 23-26.

Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) has also reached urged the ministry to reconsider the decision. Exporters are seeking more clarity on the announcement as the scheme is currently valid only until March 31, 2026, and it remains unclear whether it will be extended beyond this period.

WTO sets up panel on India's PLI scheme

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE World Trade Organization's Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) on Tuesday agreed to set up a dispute panel to examine India's production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes for batteries, electric vehicles and related sectors, following a request by China.

The move marks an escalation in trade tensions between the two countries over support measures in automotive and renewable energy space. At its meeting on February 24, the DSB established the panel in the case titled India – Measures Concerning Trade in the Automotive and Renewable Energy Technology Sectors, after China submitted a second request. India had blocked the first request at the DSB meeting on January 27.

China has challenged India's incentive schemes covering advanced chemistry cell batteries, automobiles and components, and EVs, arguing that they discriminate against foreign firms and violate core WTO principles such as national treatment and prohibition on import substitution subsidies. Beijing contends that the measures unfairly restrict trade and tilt the playing field in favour of domestic manufacturers.

India expressed regret over China's decision to press ahead with the panel request.

TELECOM

TRAI eases guidelines for telecom spectrum bid

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

IN a bid to attract more players to the telecom sector, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on Tuesday reduced the net-worth requirement for companies seeking to participate in the upcoming spectrum auction.

The eligibility threshold has been lowered from ₹100 crore to ₹50 crore per licensed service area (LSA). For Jammu & Kashmir and the North East, the requirement has been further reduced to ₹25 crore.

To prevent market concentration, TRAI has proposed a 35% spectrum cap across various bands, ensuring that no single operator — such as Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, or Vodafone Idea — can corner excessive airwaves in any circle.

The regulator has recommended that all available spectrum in key bands — 600 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz, 3300 MHz and 26 GHz — be put up for auction. The sale will follow the Simultaneous Multiple Round Auction (SMRA) format and spectrum will be assigned on a Telecom Circle/Metro basis for 20 years.

The regulatory body also proposed special relaxations for the 600 MHz band, considered vital for rural and deep indoor coverage. It has recommended auctioning it in 2x5 MHz blocks with a minimum bid of one block.

While spectrum usage charges would apply for 20 years, the validity has been extended to 24 years. Also, no rollout obligations will apply for the first four years. Bidders may pay 5% upfront, avail a four-year moratorium, and clear the remaining amount in 19 equal annual instalments.

On the 6 GHz upper band (6425–6725 MHz and 7025–7125 MHz), seen as important for future mobile technologies, TRAI has advised reserving it for IMT services but not auctioning it in the upcoming round.

'INDIA AI WORKFORCE GROWING BUT ADOPTION, IMPACT LIMITED'

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

INDIA'S artificial intelligence workforce has grown by about 50% in the past two years. However, turning that growth into wider impact remains a challenge, said Ankit Bose, head of AI at NASSCOM.

Speaking at the Convozen AI summit in Bengaluru, he said India stands "somewhere in the top 10" globally when measured across talent, infrastructure, research and development, and government and commercial readiness. The US remains number one, followed by China. India has produced around 70,000 research papers over the past five years, Bose said. In comparison, the US has produced between 58,000 and 70,000 papers, while China has around 150,000. Despite the volume of research, Bose pointed to a gap in impact. He referred to the H-Index score, which measures how many research papers are widely cited.

"Our H-Index score is 218 right versus the US. The US is 654 versus China which is 454," he said. He added that research in India "is bookish. It has to lead to commercialisation. It has to be in sync with industry."

Adoption still limited

Investment in AI in India stands at $7-10 billion and is growing at 20 to 25% each year. NASSCOM's AI Adoption Index places India at "2.4" on a scale of 0 to 4. Bose said most generative AI deployment is focused on general business functions. "We studied overall the GenAI use cases. And 75% of them fall under sales and marketing, software engineering, software product development, testing, customer operations and product management."

ASIANOMICS

THAILAND

CENTRAL BANK CHIEF AIMS FOR 2.7% GROWTH IN 2026

Thailand's central bank chief said on Tuesday that fiscal and monetary policy should be deployed in tandem to lift economic growth toward 2.7% this year, up from about 1.9% currently seen. The country's overall economic stability remained solid but growth was still too low, underscoring the need for a broader policy mix and additional investment to strengthen expansion, Governor Vitai Ratanakorn said. He said government agencies were working to address structural issues that were holding back growth, adding short-term stimulus measures would be necessary while longer-running reforms take effect. The central bank had earlier forecast 2026 growth of 1.5% but Vitai said current expectations were an expansion of about 1.9%.

JAPAN

PM TAKAICHI VOICES CONCERN OVER BOJ RATE HIKES

Japanese Prime Minister Takaichi Sanae conveyed her reservations about further interest rate hikes when she met with Bank of Japan Governor Kazuo Ueda last week, according to a Mainichi daily report published on Tuesday. Ueda had characterised the meeting last Monday as a general exchange of views on economic and financial developments, and had said the prime minister had not made any specific monetary policy requests. Takaichi said she hoped the central bank would work closely with the government to durably achieve its 2% inflation target accompanied by wage gains. The meeting was held amid simmering market speculation that the rising cost of living, driven in part by the weak yen, could prod the central bank to raise interest rates as soon as in March or April.

SOUTH KOREA

CHIP DEMAND LIFTS CONSUMER CONFIDENCE TO 3-MNTH HIGH

South Korea's consumer confidence rose in February to its highest level since November, reaching 112.1, as per the Bank of Korea. The rise was driven by improved assessments of economic conditions and optimistic expectations, supported by strong semiconductor shipments and a rising stock market. The Kospi index has more than doubled over the past year, helped by gains in Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix. However, housing sentiment declined, with expectations for home prices dropping to 108, the lowest since last April, following government measures to curb speculation and the expiration of tax reliefs. Analysts suggest that the divergence between overall confidence and housing outlooks may reduce financial stability concerns, as cooler property expectations could limit household borrowing.

Treaty tweak may affect investments via France

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE proposed amendments to the India-France tax treaty would force global investors, routing funds into India through French holding structures, to reassess their investments in India.

After India curtailed capital gains exemptions under its treaties with Mauritius and Singapore, France had become a preferred jurisdiction, with favourable tax treatment for Indian equity investments.

Tax experts say several French banks and investment platforms over the years have built sizeable businesses taking advantage of the French tax treaty with India, including offshore derivative instruments (ODIs), participatory notes and other exposure products linked to Indian securities. However, with the amendments, France may lose some of its relative appeal as a treaty-driven holding or ODI-issuance jurisdiction.

"The amendment may prompt investors and fund sponsors to take a fresh look at how their French investment vehicles are structured. This is true where the original choice of France as a platform was influenced by treaty-based capital gains exemptions on investments in Indian equities," said Suresh Swamy, Sr. Partner at PwC.

Currently, capital gains arising from share transfers by investors holding less than 10% are taxed in the country of residence. The amendment shifts taxing rights to the source country and raises the dividend withholding tax for such small shareholders to 15%. Thus, French portfolio investors with sub-10% stakes are likely to face higher Indian tax exposure on both capital gains and dividends.

TAX COSTS

While restructuring might take some time, in near term, funds may recalibrate return models to factor in the additional tax costs

"Lack of any grandfathering of prior investment makes the exit expensive across the board in these cases," said Sumit Singhania, Partner, Deloitte India. While the restructuring might take some time, in the near term, funds are likely to recalibrate return models to factor in the additional tax costs rather than unwind existing structures.

Cabinet nod for delegation of more powers to Powergrid

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government on Tuesday has approved enhanced delegation of powers to transmission service provider Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (Powergrid), allowing it to increase equity investment up to ₹7,500 crore per subsidiary.

According to Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, the approval enhances the permissible equity investment limit of POWERGRID from the current threshold of 5,000 crore per subsidiary to ₹7,500 crore per subsidiary, while retaining the existing cap of 15% of the company's net worth.

The government believes the move will strengthen the company's ability to participate in high-value transmission projects.

Reliance Retail, Flipkart, Malabar Gold among top unlisted firms

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE top 100 unlisted companies led by Reliance Retail, Flipkart, and Malabar Gold & Diamonds, collectively generated ₹8.9 trillion in revenue in 2025, while their cumulative value was a staggering ₹28.5 trillion.

According to a ranking by Hurun India Tuesday, Reliance Retail tops the list of the largest unlisted companies, followed by the Walmart owned Flipkart, which is IPO bound and the Malabar Gold & Diamonds occupying the third slot. Reliance Retail tops the list the inaugural list Hurun's 100 unlisted gems 2026, with revenue of ₹2.7 trillion, which for Flipkart was at ₹83,000 crore and Malabar Gold raked in ₹66,000 crore in 2025. The list showcases companies with a minimum revenue of ₹1,000 crore.

Tamil Nadu Power Generation Corporation Ltd

Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
OT - 1	CE / PROJECTS	Ennore SEZ - Establishment of Flue Gas Desulphurisation (FGD) system & its Auxiliaries for 2 x 660 MW Ennore SEZ under Single EPC basis.

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / Opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app

DIPR/1374/Tender/2026

CMRS PROPERTIES

#573, C Block, AECS Layout Main road, Bangalore - 560 037.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large, more particularly Mr. Mahesh M, S/o Muni Madaiah, residing at No.101, A KEB Qtrs, Rajajinagar, Bangalore – 560010,hereby informed that M/s. CMRS Properties entered intoanTripartite Agreement for Sale dated 22nd August, 2016 with Mr.Mahesh.M, with regard to the Schedule Property. Whereas, Mr.Mahesh.M had failed to comply the sale consideration and pay the remaining sale consideration M/s.CMRS Properties have canceled the said Agreement for Sale executed between M/s. CMRS Properties and Mr. Mahesh M. Further M/s. CMRS Properties have sold the said Flat in favour of Mrs. Geethanjali and G.Chandra Shekar.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel immovable property bearing converted Sy No.196/3, (converted vide order No.ALN (EVH) SR 288/2012-13, dated 26/12/2012, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District Bangalore situated at Flat bearing No.B-102, First Floor, 1080 Sq Ft., situated at Royal Orchids, Sy No.196/3, Varthur Village, VarthurHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangaloreand bounded as follows:- East by: Property belongs to Smt. Meenakshamma, West by : Property belongs to Chikka Kanakappa, North by : Balagare Road, South by: Property belongs to Sri. M. Nagappa Reddy.

Date :24.02.2026 M/s.CMRS Properties
Place : Bangalore Mob: 9880822545

कार्यालय नगर पालिका मण्डल, चाकसू

क्रमांक न.पा.चा. / निर्माण / 2026 / 8351 दिनांक : 20.02.2026

निविदा सूचना संख्या 19/2025-26

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S.No.	Schedule	Date	Time
1	Publishing Date	21/02/2026	10.00 AM
2	Document Download Start Date	21/02/2026	10.00 AM
3	Document Download End Date	16/03/2026	06.00 PM
4	Pre bid meeting date	06/03/2025	11.00 AM to 01.00 PM
5	Pre bid meeting Place	Office Municipal Board Chaksu	
6	Bid Submission Start Date	21/02/2026	11.00 AM
7	Bid Submission End Date	16/03/2026	06.00 PM
8	Physical Submission of tender Fees, Processing Fees officer, Municipal Board Chaksu) and cost of tender document (In the office of Executive	17/03/2026	12.00 PM
9	Technical Bid Opening Date	18/03/2026	11.00 AM
10	Financial Bid Opening Date	After Succession of Technical Bid	

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नगर पालिका चाकसू

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FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33(2)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPTT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 2, BENGALURU,

4th Floor, BSNL Building Telephone House Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

RC NO. 885/2019

Indian Overseas Bank, Branch office at: Residency Road, Bengaluru - 560025.
...Certificate Holder Bank

Versus

Mr. Sameer Ismail ... Certified Debtor / Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

Mr. Sameer Ismail, S/o. Mr. Ebrahim, R/o. No.6, 8th Main 6th Cross, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027.

Certified Debtor / Defendants

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in TA/512/2017 passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on dtd. 19-01-2019 an amount of Rs.35,93,619.30 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh(s) Ninety Three Thousand Six Hundred Nineteen and Paise Thirty Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days from the date of publication of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on 9th day of March 2020.

Sd/- Recovery Officer-2,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BANGALORE

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE WIRELESS

No.1, M. G. Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Phone: +91-80-22942324, Email: spwireless@ksp.gov.in

Tender No: KSP/2025-26/IND0550/Call-2 **Date : 23.02.2026**

Tender Notification (Through e-procurment Portal)

Superintendent of Police Wireless, Bengaluru invited Re-tender for supply of Software for integration of Whatsapp Chat Bots and other Whatsapp Based solutions for Cyber Crime Helpline-1930 through e-procurement portal. Estimated bid value: **Rs. 20 Lakhs.** Last date for submission of Pre-bid queries on **26/02/2026 at 11.30 am.** The Last date and time for tender submission **02/03/2026 at 5.29 pm.** Further details can be obtained by visiting e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** For more information, please contact the above office.

Sd/- Superintendent of Police,
Wireless, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/5861/SSC/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner **SRI.RAJU.K.M** S/o Sri.Maregowda, resident of Kurigowdanadoddi Village, Tungani Post, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Bengaluru South District-562117. If any persons have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within **14 (Fourteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of **industrial Plot bearing No.757-F,** PID No.152900204301920491, measuring East to West 21.0 Mtrs and North to South (61.85+62.05)/2 Mtrs, in all measuring 1302.06 Sq.Mtrs (14015.37 Sq.ft), carved out of the land bearing Sy.No.166/2, 166/3, 167/1B & 167/1C in the industrial layout formed by the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB), situated at **Harohalli 3rd Phase Industrial Area**, Cheeluru Village, Maralavadi Hobli, Harohalli Taluk, Bengaluru South District (formerly Ramanagara District) and bounded as follows:

East by : Plot bearing No.757-E
West by : Plot bearing No.757-G
North by : 15 Mtrs KIADB buffer
South by : 30 Mtr KIADB Road No.10

Sd/- BAYYA REDDY. M
For ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP
Advocates & Solicitors
No.101, 2nd Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex, 22nd Main Road, BSK 2nd Stage, Opp : Banashankari BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560070

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC), Zone-2, Room No. 315, 3rd Floor, Mini Vidhana Soudha, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560064.

No: EE/QA/QC/Z-2/BNCC/TEND/07/2025-26 Date: 24-02-2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION - (CALL-2)

(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Quality Assurance / Quality Control Division, Zone-2, BNCC, Bengaluru invites Request for Proposal from interested Persons / Firms those who have done similar type of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality Control (PMC) for the below works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Providing PMC Services including Supervision and Quality Control for Improvements to Roads and Drains at BB Road from Kempegowda Statue to Kogilu Circle in Ward No. 01 of Yelahanka Sub Division. **Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 150.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 3,750/-**
2	Providing PMC Services including Supervision and Quality Control for Improvements to Roads and Drains at Vishweshwaraiah Park Surrounding Area Main and Cross Roads in 'B' Sector Ward No. 04 of Yelahanka Sub Division. **Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 150.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 3,750/-**
3	Providing PMC Services including Supervision and Quality Control for Improvements to Roads and Drains at Basaveshwara Park Surrounding Area Main and Cross Roads in 'A' Sector Ward No. 04 of Yelahanka New Town Sub Division. **Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 150.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 3,750/-**
4	Providing PMC Services including Supervision and Quality Control for Development of Parks and Play Ground and Gym and Playing Equipments in Ward No. 02, 03, 04 of Yelahanka Sub Division. **Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 200.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 4,625/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Document may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 26-02-2026 at 4.00 PM. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **02-03-2026 at 11.30 AM in the Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC), Zone-2, Room No. 315, 3rd Floor, Mini Vidhana Soudha, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560064. 3)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **05-03-2026 upto 4.00 PM. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **06-03-2026 at 4.30 PM.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (QA/QC)
Zone-2, BNCC.

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER PHED REGION SAWAI MADHOPUR

(Ph 07462-220062) e-mail- acephed_swm@rediffmail.com (TAN NO. JDHA17553E)

No. ACE/PH/SWM/2025-26/NIT/3144-54 Date : 13/02/2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (e-NIT No. 26/2025-26)

On behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan Online Tenders are hereby invited from eligible bidders for following works as per criteria mentioned in the detailed NIT/Tender documents available on website **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. "www.rajwater.gov.in", "http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.** Tenders are to be submitted online in electronic format on website "**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**" as per prescribed schedule.

NIB : PHE2526A6507	UBN No.: PHE2526WSOB14006

Sd/- **(Ramniwas Meena)**
Additional Chief Engineer
PHED Region Sawai Madhopur
(TAN NO. JDHA17553E)

DIPR/C/3616/2026

MAHATRANSCO

Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) (LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

SRM e-Tender No. T-2618/MSETCL/CO/Projects/Pre-Tender (RFx No. 6000001492) (3rd Call)

MSETCL invites offers by SRM e-tendering in TWO bid system (Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid) from the eligible registered bidders for the following work as detailed below.

"Establishment of 132/33kV Sawana Substation alongwith 132kV DCDC line from 220kV Malegaon Substation to Sawana Substation (Route Length - 35.122kms) Dist. Hingoli under Chh. Sambhajinagar Zone, MSETCL, Maharashtra."

Interested bidders may obtain further information available on the website **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

The date of downloading of Bid documents available on the website is from 20.02.2026.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Projects), MSETCL

STATE BANK OF INDIA

SME BRANCH, KUMARA PARK #20, BADAGUNADU SANGHA ROAD
KUMARAPARK WEST BENGALURU – 560 020
E-mail Id: sbi.08577@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

A/C: 42631730302 / 42602867252/ DRS

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA, SME BRANCH, KUMARA PARK Bengaluru,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Issued a **Demand Notice dated:10.09.2025** calling upon the **Borrowers : M/s. PRK ENTERPRISES, Proprietor: Mr. Pachaksharan M S/o Murugesham, Office @ No. 07, Muddappa Garden, 3rd Cross Road Dayananda Nagar, Srirampuram Bengaluru- 560021 & Res: - @ M-60, 5TH CROSS, 5TH MAIN, Swathanthra Palya, Srirampuram, Bengaluru – 560021,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 70,46,157/- (Rupees Seventy Lakh Forty-six Thousand One Hundred and Fifty-seven Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the **undersigned has taken possession of the property** described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub of Section 4 of Section, 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this. **23/02/2026**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount **Rs. 71,08,865/- as on 23/02/2026 and interest from 23/02/2026** costs, etc., thereon. till the realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MOVABLE PROPERTIES

Details of Hypothecated Assets/movable Properties: - Current Assets including Stocks, Stocks in trade Receivables, Consumable, stores and spares and entire Current assets of the company mentioned in the Documents as per Loan Agreement.

Sl. No.	Security	Number of Machinery	Type of Model
1.	Machinery	1Nos	GLOBAL MAKE CNC MACHINES,Model: VMC-800 Siemens For Metal Cutting Process
2.	Machinery	1Nos	GLOBAL MAKE CNC MACHINES, Model: Vigor-200 Siemens For Metal Cutting Process

Place : Bangalore
Date : *23.02.2026* Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.

CIN: L65910KL1992PLC006623,
Registered Office : W - 4/ 638A, Manappuram House, P.O. Valapad, Thrissur - 680 567, Kerala, India

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/03/2026 from 10.00 am onwards. The auction is of the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of their loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without any further notice. Reserve price is fixed on the basis of market price of the gold on the date of auction or the 85% of the average 30 days IBJA rate whichever is higher. Change in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at the auction centre and on the company website . The details given below are in the order of Branch Name, Loan Number, Customer Name, Total Due Amount (in `) & Item Name

List of pledges:-

BANGALORE, 1ST PHASE J P NAGAR, 0108890730052185, ANIL KUMAR B R, 172991/-, FINGER RINGS 1, ANDRAHALLI MAIN ROAD, 0107060730048169, SHOBHA, 82990/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8170, SHOBHA, 85760/-, FINGER RINGS 1, ANEKAL, 0117540700042490, PUSHPA R, 17800/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 1, ANJANANAGAR, 0122990730097201, NETHRAVATHI, 52785/-, FINGER RINGS 2,STUD 1, 9791, PRAJWAL S, 23210/-, FINGER RINGS 1, BDA ROAD AREKARE, 0105600700070729, ROOPA H C, 79700/-, DROPS & STUD 1, CHIKPET, 0112320700022944, LOKESH LAKSHMANA PATGAR, 505/-, FINGER RINGS 1, BANGALORE, GOTTIGERE, 0119710700039573, PRAKASH MISHRA, 30020/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 1, CHIKKABALLAPUR, GOWRIBIDANUR, 0118240730023108, SURESHA, 43900/-, DROPS & STUD 1, TUMKUR, GUBBI B H ROAD, 0102400700791882, BORANARASAIAH, 23000/-, DROPS & STUD 1, MYSORE, HD KOTTE, 0116520700032121, KUMAR C, 6800/-, FINGER RINGS 1, BANGALORE, KATHRIGUPPA, 0106810700068614, AMBIKA P, 33000/-, CHAIN 1, BANGALORE RURAL, KEMPAGOWDA NAGARA,DODDABALLAPUR, 0133480700025765, R RAJESHWARI, 586/-, FINGER RINGS 1, BANGALORE, KOTTIGAPALAY, 0107690700059199, YUVARAJ, 18210/-, MATTI 1, TUMKUR, KUNIGAL, 0111550730025889, LAKSHMANNA H T, 41405/-, DROPS & STUD 1,FINGER RINGS 1, BANGALORE, MAGADI THAVAREKERE, 0109310700040056, MUBARAK. S N, 20000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0109310730051234, SWETHA R, 27560/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 1, MANGAMMANA PALYA, 0107750700079945, SANAVULLA KHAN, 45874/-, FINGER RINGS 1,NECKLACE 1, MARUTHI NAGAR, 0108370700060729, Y SREENIVASA RAJU, 15970/-, LOCKET 1, MANDYA, NAGAMANGALA MANDYA, 0131640700020104, B G JYOTHI, 23918/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 1, BANGALORE, NAGANATHAPURA HOSAROAD, 0106600730045739, NAGARAJ S S, 7400/-, STUD 1, NELAMANGALA PC EXTENSION, 0120450700039786, MEGHANA K, 169845/-, BANGLE 1, 9789, MEGHANA K, 183815/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, PARIMALANAGAR KANTEERAVA STUDIO, 0107540730022432, GOVINDARAJU, 9013/-, DROPS & STUD 1, PATTEGARAPALAYA, 0120140730016846, YOGESH S, 10054/-, FINGER RINGS 1, PEENIYA 2ND STAGE, 0123880730039601, FIRDOSE, 299014/-, BANGLE 2, 9707, FIRDOSE, 103502/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, RAJAJI NAGAR 3RD BLOCK, 0107700700044047, SANA ULLA, 43370/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 2, 0107700730023354, SHIVAGANGAMMA, 21730/-, DROPS & STUD 1, RAJAJINAGAR 2ND BLOCK, 0107140730030129, SHIVA KUMAR K, 234002/-, BANGLE 1,FINGER RINGS 1, CHAMRAJNAGAR, RMC CHAMRAJNAGAR, 0133380730008626, M C NAGENDRAPPA, 173422/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 1,FINGER RINGS 2,LOCKET 1, TUMKUR, TUMKUR, 0101060730082202, VINAY KUMAR R, 26918/-, DROPS & STUD 1,FINGER RINGS 1, BANGALORE, ULSOOR BANGALORE, 0100230700730232, V RANGANATHAN, 127000/-, CHAIN 1, 0251, V RANGANATHAN, 432300/-, CHAIN 1, BANGALORE, YESHWANTHPUR, 0100690700752331, CHIDANANDA, 598/-, FINGER RINGS 1,

Persons wishing to participate in the above auction shall comply with the following:- Interested Bidders should submit Rs. 10,000/- as EMD (refundable to unsuccessful bidders) by way of NEFT/RTGS on the same day of auction. Bidders should carry valid ID card/PAN card. For more details please contact 9072607147.

Authorised Officer
For Manappuram Finance Ltd

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned Advocate on behalf of my clients have filed the petition for death certificate deceased **Joolappa s/o late Muniyappa who was died on 01-05-1980.** At Tarahunase village Jala hobali Yelahanka taluk Bangalore urban dist if any of the parties who are objections or climes may disputes regarding the same could appear before the Hon'ble Additional civil judge & J.M.F.C Court at Devanahalli and date of Hearing **on is the 02/04/2026, at 11-00 AM in C.Misc.No.694/2026**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
N. Aswath Gowda, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client propose to purchase the schedule property mentioned herein below from **Mr. Gajendra Kumar Jain,** S/o. Late Jugraj, Residing at No.71, Jagrathi Surveyor Street, Near Lalbagh West Gate, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560004.

Any person or persons having any claims/objections for the said transaction in respect of the schedule property may lodge their claims/objections with documentary evidence within 15 (FIFTEEN) days from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the transaction and any claims received thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being a Vacant Site bearing No. 514, Old BBMP Khata No.456/62/514, BBMP E Asti Asset No. 456/62/514, E Aasti PID No. 1027370522, carved out of converted Land in Sy No. 62 of Srirampura Village, which is converted from agricultural to Non Agricultural residential use vide O.M. bearing No. BDA/ALN/SR(NA)322/1997-98, dated 21.07.1998, in the layout formed by the Telecom Employees Co-operative Housing Society Limited and the Layout Known as "PENN FIELD GARDENS" situated at Srirampura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru measuring about 4000 square feet, and bounded on : East by : Site No.510, and Portion of Site No.509, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 515, South by : Site No. 513 and Private Property.

A.FEROZE NIZAM, Advocate
No.113, 1st Floor, 34th Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070.
Mobile : 9886033332
Email : ferozenizam@gmail.com,
Date:24-02-2026

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, BASAVA BHAVAN, BANGALORE: 560 001

SC/29/A/3048/2024

APPELLANT: 1. Mrs. Namala Indrani, W/o Mr. Namala Ravinder, Aged about 52 years, Residing at: No. 15-10-196/2, Ramannapet, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh-506002.

RESPONDENT: 1. M/s KSR Properties Private Limited, A Company incorporated and registered under the Companies Act, 1956, Having its registered office at: Durga Arcade, No.5, 1st Floor, MCHS, KV Jayaram Road, Jakkur Layout, Bangalore-560064. Represented by its Managing Director, Mr. Kunduru Ramana Reddy.

To, **01. M/s KSR Properties Private Limited,** A Company incorporated and registered under the Companies Act, 1956, Having its registered office at: Durga Arcade, No.5, 1st Floor, MCHS, KV Jayaram Road, Jakkur Layout, Bangalore-560064. Represented by its Managing Director, Mr. Kunduru Ramana Reddy.

SUBSTITUTE NOTICE U/S 5 RULE 20 OF CPC, 1908 TO THE RESPONDENT No.01

Whereas the Appellant has filed the above appeal Challenging the order passed by the District Consumer Commission, Bangalore 4th Addl. in Complaint No.381/2024, Pronounced by an order dated 29/10/2024. You are hereby notified to appear before this Hon'ble Commission in person or through a pleader or person authorized as per law to answer all the material question of facts and law relating to the Appeal or **04th Day of April Two Thousand and Twenty Six (04/04/2026) at 10:30 A.M.**

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned above Appeal will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under the hand and seal of this Commission on this 29th day of January Two Thousand an Twenty Six (29/01/2026).

By order of the Commission, ASST. REGISTRAR CUM ASST. ADMN. OFFICER K.S.C.D.R.C, BANGALORE-560001

PUBLIC NOTICE

I The undersigned Advocate on behalf of my clients have filed the petition for death certificate deceased **Hanumakka w/o late Joolappa who was died on 03-06-1982.** At Tarahunase village Jala hobali Yelahanka taluk Bangalore urban dist if any of the parties who are objections or climes may disputes regarding the same could appear before the Hon'ble Additional civil judge & J.M.F.C Court at Devanahalli and date of Hearing **on is the 02/04/2026, at 11-00 AM in C.Misc.No.695/2026**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
N. Aswath Gowda, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that my Client/s –Ms.Briliance Refrigeration Systems rep by its Proprietor Mr.Ahmed Baig is desirous of purchasing the immovable property, more fully described in the Schedule here under and herein after referred to as "Schedule Property" from Smt. P.Jayaprabha W/o Sri.P. Seetharamaiah.

Any person having any right, title interest or claim in the Schedule property or any part thereof, or having any claim on or against the Schedule property or the documents thereof or objecting to such sale should lodge their objections and/ or claims in writing along with the documentary proof for asserting his/her/their rights with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on our clients and presumed that the aforesaid property is free from any acts of encumbrances or claims.

SCHEDULE:

All that piece of land known as Eastern portion of Plot No.235-N in Bommasandra Industrial Area, in Sy.No.282, bearing PID No.3616759336, situated at Bomma sandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District containing by admeasurement 994.0621 Square meters and bounded as follows: East by: Plot No.235-M; West by: Remaining portion of the same Plot No.235-N: North by: Road; South by: Plot No.236.

M. Kalashree
Advocate
No.29, 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Bhoopasandra, Bangalore-560094. Telephone- 080-41522496. Email: mkalashree82@gmail.com
Place: Bangalore Date: 24.02.2026

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, BASAVA BHAVAN, BANGALORE: 560 001

SC/29/A/3047/2024

APPELLANT: 1. Mrs. Namala Indrani, W/o Mr. Namala Ravinder, Aged about 52 years, Residing at: No. 15-10-196/2, Ramannapet, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh-506002.

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Given under the hand and seal of this Commission on this 29th day of January Two Thousand an Twenty Six (29/01/2026).

By order of the Commission, ASST. REGISTRAR CUM ASST. ADMN. OFFICER K.S.C.D.R.C, BANGALORE-560001

AMARAVATI GROWTH and INFRASTRUCTURE CORPORATION LIMITED (AGICL)

PROJECT OFFICE, RAYAPUDI, THULLURU MANDAL, (A.P.)

E PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

1. **NIT NO:119/MAU61-USI0HB(OTH)/494/2025-HB, Dt: 24.02.2026**
Providing Home Automation, Additional wardrobes, additional store room, juice counter, spiral staircase, balcony with canopy, car parking shed, Glazed railing, tensile roofing, heat pumps, Additional HVAC Items, Transformers and external electrical works etc., as per the request of AIS association for the AIS Secretary & AIS Principal Secretary Bungalows" at Amaravati Capital City, Rayapudi Village, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.
2. **NIT NO:120/MAU61-USI0HB(BG)/7/2026, Dt: 24.02.2026**
Construction of Club House Buildings comprising G+4 Floors with Civil Structure, including Interiors, Furniture, MEP and External Development Works, to AIS, Secretaries and Principal secretaires near APCRDA Office Rayapudi, Amaravati.
3. **NIT No:121/MAU61-USI0HB(BG)/6/2026 Dt: 24.02.2026**
Construction of Club House Buildings comprising G+3 Floors with Civil Structure, including Interiors, Furniture, MEP and External Development Works, to Hon'ble MLAs & Hon'ble MLCs, Hon'ble Ministers near APCRDA Office Rayapudi, Amaravati.

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Samson in spotlight before crunch clash

Keeper-batter has extensive batting sessions at Chepauk under lights

GOMESH S @Chennai

WHEN New Zealand and Afghanistan kick-started their T20 World Cup campaign in Chennai two weeks ago, the city was still enjoying its last bit of spring. The temperature was in the early 20s, and the humidity was not high. And one could feel the sea breeze cutting through the MA Chidambaram Stadium all day.

On Tuesday evening, as the Suryakumar Yadav-led Indian team walked onto the field, the Sun was beating down. Chennai Summer has already kicked in. The temperature has increased significantly in the last week or so, and it was impossible to miss the heat and humidity. And the Men in Blue felt it too as they rallied for the warm-up before beginning a full-squad training session — Rinku Singh was the lone member missing as he had left for Delhi due to a family emergency.

On the field, India are already under the pump after the loss against South Africa, and now, the focus has shifted to Sanju Samson once again. Abhishek Sharma's poor form and illness, along with Tilak Varma's struggles against spin, have made Samson the talking point. India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate had hinted as much in Ahmedabad. "You stick with the guys who we feel have performed really well over the last 18 months and who are maybe shy of a few runs now? Or do we twist and bring Sanju, who's also a fantastic player and obviously helps tactically with having a right-hander at the top of the order, and I'm sure that'll be a talking point over the next few days going into these two very important games," he had said. On Tuesday, he came up to the pitch along with Hardik Pandya before going through the warm-up drills. Soon, he padded up and joined Ishan Kishan in one of the nets while Surya and Tilak batted together in the other. Samson started his stint around 6.38 PM, facing seamers including Arshdeep Singh, Shivam Dube and Mohammed Siraj. He struggled to time the ball in the first hit, but by the time he swapped with Kishan for the third time, Samson had hit the strides.

Opening slot?

With Surya making it clear that neither Abhishek nor Tilak is getting dropped, if Samson were to come in, it is likely to be in place of Rinku. And if Samson does play, he is likely to open the batting.

He continued with the usual big back and across trigger movement and picked up everything that was on the back of length or shorter, swatting and pulling Siraj and Arshdeep into stands. Anything on the offside and at the stumps, Samson was caught stuck in the crease and couldn't hit as much through the offside. After a long and intense session, he and Kishan moved to the other end of the ground to face spinners. Another half hour later, he went to do some keeping drills with T Dilip before moving to the outdoor nets for another extensive hit.

At the MAC B nets, Samson started from scratch once again. He faced throwdowns from Ten Doeschate and net bowlers for close to thirty minutes before walking back into the ground. Meanwhile, Abhishek, Pandya, Dube and Axar batted next, and they did so extensively.

Though one cannot jump to conclusions from the net session, Rinku's unfortunate situation, coupled with the pressure India are under, puts out-of-form Samson in the spotlight.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Sanju Samson during a training session in Chennai on Tuesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

GROUP 1

	T	P	W	L	N/R	NRR	Pts*
1	WI	1	1	0	0	+5.350	2
2	SA	1	1	0	0	+3.800	2
3	Ind	1	0	1	0	-3.800	0
4	Zim	1	0	1	0	-5.350	0

GROUP 2

1	Eng	2	2	0	0	+1.491	4
2	NZ	1	0	0	1	0	1
3	Pak	2	0	1	1	-0.461	1
4	SL	1	0	1	0	-2.550	0

*Position | Team | Played | Won | Lost | No Result | Net Run Rate | Points

Rinku reaches Noida to attend his ailing father

CHENNAI: India batter Rinku Singh has to leave the team, which currently is in Chennai ahead of co-hosts' all-important T20 World Cup match against Zimbabwe, and rush to Noida to attend his ailing father. Sources told this daily Khanchand, the southpaw's father, has been battling liver ailment for more than a year and was admitted in a Noida hospital after his condition deteriorated. "It was detected around a year ago following which he stopped delivering LPG cylinders on insistence from Rinku. Since then, he has been undergoing treatment under the guidance of doctors from the same Noida hospital. They were also administering him expensive injections since then," a source in the know of things told this daily. The 28-year-old from Aligarh (Uttar Pradesh) has played all the matches at the ongoing T20 World Cup so far scoring just 24 runs in five matches. **For full story by Firoz Mirza, visit newindianexpress.com**

Brook leads from front, helps Eng enter semis

AGENCIES @ Kandy

CAPTAIN Harry Brook scored his first T20 international century to take England into the World Cup semifinals with a nervy two-wicket win against Pakistan in the Super Eights in Kandy.

Brook, promoted to number three for the first time in a T20 international, scored exactly 100 off 51 deliveries as England chased down their target of 165 with five balls to spare, despite a late wobble.

After England restricted Pakistan to 164-9, Brook came in second ball of the innings with the score 0-1 after Phil Salt's golden duck, caught behind off Shaheen Shah Afridi.

Wickets tumbled in the power play but Brook stood firm. He lifted his side from a precarious 35-3 to 155-6 when he was dismissed, having scored the second fastest century in T20 World Cup history and the first by a team captain.

BRIEF SCORES: Pakistan 164/9 in 20 ovs (Farhan 63; Liam Dawson 3/24) **lost to** England 166/8 in 19.1 ovs (Brook 100; Afridi 4/30).

Harry Brook hit 100 off 51 balls | AFP

Indian players during a practice session at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Tuesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

India gearing up with an open mind

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

ABHISHEK Sharma came into this World Cup as an explosive opener. The two weeks, however, have been a harsh reality check for the left-handed opener who scored only 15 runs in four innings that include three ducks. As much as the team management has thrown their weight behind the opener, Abhishek felt the heat as India went down to South Africa by 76 runs.

And it showed during India's intense training session at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Tuesday ahead of the must-win clash against Zimbabwe. Instead of Abhishek, Sanju Samson batted alongside Ishan Kishan while the left-hander rolled his arm with the other spinners to Suryakumar Yadav and Tilak Varma. It went on for an hour or so before Abhishek finally padded up. And when he did, the 25-year-old took guard under the watchful eyes of batting coach Sitanshu Kotak. In the four matches so far, Abhishek has gotten out trying to slog an off-spinner twice, was deceived by a Marco Jansen knuckle ball and hit the USA seamer Shadley van Schalkwyk straight to the deep point fielder.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

PRESSURE ON LANKA

With the co-hosts taking on New Zealand in their must-win Super 8s clash, a look...

Onus on batters

In their first Super Eights match against England, Sri Lanka failed to chase 147 at Pallekele. With the surface in Colombo expected to assist spinners as it did in Kandy, their batters need to find way to score runs.

Santner's threat

Left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner boasts an impressive record (14 wickets in 11 ties) against SL. The spin-friendly wicket of the R Premadasa will only add to his skills making it difficult for batters to counter him.

Sri Lanka vs New Zealand @ Colombo | 7 PM

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIOHOTSTAR

Tall & fast: Zimbabwe's Blessing in bowling dept

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Mumbai

ZIMBABWE is the home of the most powerful sports administrator in the world: Kirsty Coventry, head of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). That in itself feels like a minor win for a country not accustomed to the spotlight for the right reasons over the last few decades.

Hyperinflation, financial sanctions and political upheaval have routinely dominated the discourse. That all of those things also applied to the cricket team meant they weren't even permitted to dream. Even when they took two steps forward, it would be followed by three steps behind.

Their stock was so far back their path to this World Cup began at the sub-regional qualifier in Kenya in October 2024. They wiped the floor with their competition. What began then reached a crescendo in Sri Lanka over the last two weeks as they took out Australia and the co-hosts to advance to the Super Eights.

By any measure, it's already one of the stories of the World Cup, notwithstanding the big loss at the hands of West Indies on Monday. Central to this story of spreading hope, rejuvenation and belief is Blessing Muzarabani. Built like a watchtower (6'6"), the 29-year-old has 11 wickets already to his name at the World Cup.

It's easy to see why. He has a burst of pace and hurries batters, something he did multiple times against the West Indies under the illustrious Wankhede lights on Monday. His action is very repeatable and he has subtle changes of pace making him a modern seamer. What makes him extra special in this format is he bowls the hardest overs — up front in the powerplay and in the death. His natural advantage — thanks to his height — means he can also extract maximum juice of surfaces. Something coach Justin Sammons said after the West Indies game. "His natural attributes in terms of his height, that's most definitely his biggest strength," he said. "I think he's been really good in the control of his length and his line, so he's not given the batters too many free, easy boundary balls (...)."

But this isn't just a story of what Muzarabani is able to do on the ground. This is a story of a kid who made good on his talent despite the obstacles placed in front of him.

In an interview with thecricketmonthly in April 2021, he had spoken about the hardships. "I wasn't privileged," he had said. He trained without decent shoes, couldn't afford a mobile phone but only kept going because 'I was curious about the game'.

These days, the tall pacer is a well known name among the cricketing world. In 2022, he was a net bowler for Lucknow Super Giants. Post this year's World Cup, he will be featuring for Islamabad United in the Pakistan Super League (PSL). "Our recruitment is heavily data-driven," the franchise told this daily. "When we evaluated a potential point of difference, Muzarabani was one of the bowlers on our shortlist. His height alone gives him a unique release point and bounce profile that very few batters are comfortable against, especially in T20 cricket where unfamiliar angles can be decisive." United, three time PSL champs, liked his profile a lot. They also liked his performance against Pakistan batters.

"Beyond the technical side, he brings elite professionalism and discipline, which are qualities we place enormous value on as a franchise (...)."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Pro League: India suffer defeat

ENS @Chennai

THOUGH much better than the last match against Spain, where they lost 0-2, India managed to hold them in regulation time. The FIH Pro League is turing out to be a nightmare. Languishing at eighth, India would have loved to have a win under their belt but instead they lost to Spain 3-4 in shootout at Hobart on Tuesday.

India have been trying out different combinations, especially with youngsters, but somehow it is not clicking.

Maninder Singh sounded the board in the 19th minute but as usual, India failed to hold on to the lead. Spain equalised in the 59th minute to take match into shootout, where India fumbled in the defence.

PSG vs Monaco | 1st leg: 3-2 | 1:30 AM

PSG made a fighting comeback to hold a slender advantage over their Ligue 1 rivals in the first leg. Achraf Hakimi, who was one of the scorers in the first leg, is a doubt after reports on Tuesday stated that he faces a trial for alleged rape. PSG will hope that Desire Doue, who scored a double in the first leg, can add to his tally.

FOCUS ON REAL, PSG

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS PSG AND HEAVYWEIGHTS REAL MADRID WILL BE HOPING TO SEAL A LAST-16 BERTH IN THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE. A LOOK...

Wednesday's other matches

Atalanta vs Dortmund (11:15 PM); Juventus vs Galatasaray (1:30 AM | IST Thursday)

Real Madrid vs Benfica | 1st leg: 1-0 | 1:30 AM

Real's win in the first leg was marred by allegations of racist abuse towards Vinicius Junior, the goalscorer in the said tie. The dust is yet to settle and the two sides will lock horns once again. Jose Mourinho's side will be plotting an upset. Madrid, on the other hand, will be hoping to put the tie to bed.

EXPRESS READ

Aakarshi enters main draw of German Open

MULHEIM: Indian shuttler Aakarshi Kashyap defeated Chinese Taipei's Lee Yu-Hsuan to enter the women's singles main draw at the German Open Super 300 badminton tournament here on Tuesday. Kashyap, World No 62, notched up a 21-10, 21-15 win over Lee in a lop-sided match in the qualifiers. She will next face another Chinese Taipei player Huang Yu-Hsun in the main draw.

Odisha FC & Inter Kashi play out draw in ISL

BHUBANESWAR: Odisha FC and Inter Kashi FC played out a goalless stalemate in the Indian Super League (ISL) at the Kalinga Stadium on Tuesday. Odisha FC, playing their first match of the season, and Inter Kashi FC, building on their encouraging league debut, were evenly-matched throughout. Despite chances at both ends, neither side could find the breakthrough.

Nagal and Dhamne pull off impressive wins

PUNE: India's top-ranked star Sumit Nagal delivered a commanding performance while local teenager Manas Dhamne showed nerves of steel at the Maha Open ATP Challenger 75 men's tennis championship here on Tuesday. Nagal beat Rio Noguchi of Japan 6-1, 6-2 while Dhamne beat winner of last week's Delhi Challenger, Stefanos Sakellaridis of Greece 6-4, 7-6 (4).

RANJI TROPHY

Shubham slams ton as J & K make solid opening statement

ENS @Hubballi

JAMMU & Kashmir are already having a dream Ranji season and on Tuesday, their batters provided them the platform to potentially cap off the season on a high.

Shubham Pundir's unbeaten 117 and contributions from Yawer Hassan (88) and Abdul Samad (52 batting) was the highlight as J & K put up a solid score of 284/2 in the opening day of Ranji Trophy final against Karnataka in Hubballi on Tuesday. It's just the start that they would have hoped for. After opting to bat, J & K lost their first wicket in the 11th over with Qamran Iqbal being sent back by pacer Prasidh Krishna. However, Hassan and Shubham took control of the proceedings to put on a brilliant partnership of 139. Just when it seemed like the duo would take the game away from Karnataka, Hassan was dismissed by Prasidh with a short of a good length delivery outside the off stump.

Paras Dogra joined Shubham at the middle but he lasted just 48 balls before he was retired hurt. Vijaykumar Vyshak's short ball hit Paras on the glove before going on to the helmet.

Both Shubham and Samad played sensible cricket before launching some big shots towards the close of play. In fact, Shubham reached his century by clearing the ropes off the bowling of Shikhar Shetty. With both batters going strong, J & K have a huge chance to take the game away from Karnataka.

BRIEF SCORES: J & K 284/2 in 87 ovs (Shubham 117 n.o, Samad 52 n.o; Prasidh 2/36) vs Karnataka.

Former India cricketer Sunil Joshi (C) during the inauguration of pavilion | EXPRESS

It's such a great honour: Joshi on pavilion gesture

One block of pavilion at the KSCA Ground in Raj Nagar in Hubballi has been named after former pro Sunil Joshi. The pavilion was inaugurated by BCCI president Mithun Manhas. "I never imagined I would receive such a great honour. That this has happened today makes it even more special and a matter of pride. I came from Gadag to Hubballi when I was 14 years old to practice cricket. At that time, I never imagined that I would one day play for India," a visibly emotional Joshi said.

Sesko powers United to victory

LIVERPOOL: Benjamin Sesko came off the bench to fire Manchester United up to fourth in the Premier League with a 1-0 win at Everton to extend Michael Carrick's unbeaten start in charge of the Red Devils. Sesko is yet to start in Carrick's six games but has hit top form since Ruben Amorim was sacked in last month. The Slovenian, who scored just twice in his first 22 appearances after a £74 million ($100 million) move from RB Leipzig, has netted six goals in his last seven games. Victory lifts United three points clear of Chelsea and Liverpool in the battle for a place in next season's Champions League, with only the top five set to qualify.

MYTHS & FACTS

THINK AGAIN

Can you really charge phone with a potato?

THE MYTH

A simple potato can act as a natural charger and power your phone just like a regular plug-in device

THE REALITY

While a potato can generate a small amount of electricity, the output is extremely limited and nowhere near sufficient to charge a modern smartphone

HOW DOES IT ACTUALLY WORK?

1 Electrochemical reaction in action: When two different metals, such as copper and zinc, are inserted into a potato, the chemicals inside act as an electrolyte and trigger a reaction that produces a small electric current

2 Low energy output: This setup creates only a tiny flow of electricity, enough for demonstration but not for practical use

WHY DOES IT NOT WORK FOR PHONES?

- **High power demand:** Smartphones require a steady and relatively high current, typically hundreds of milliamps, which a potato cannot provide
- **Weak and unstable supply**: The electricity generated is both too weak and too inconsistent to support charging
- **Scale problem:** Even if multiple potatoes are connected, the system becomes inefficient and impractical very quickly

The truth about viral videos?

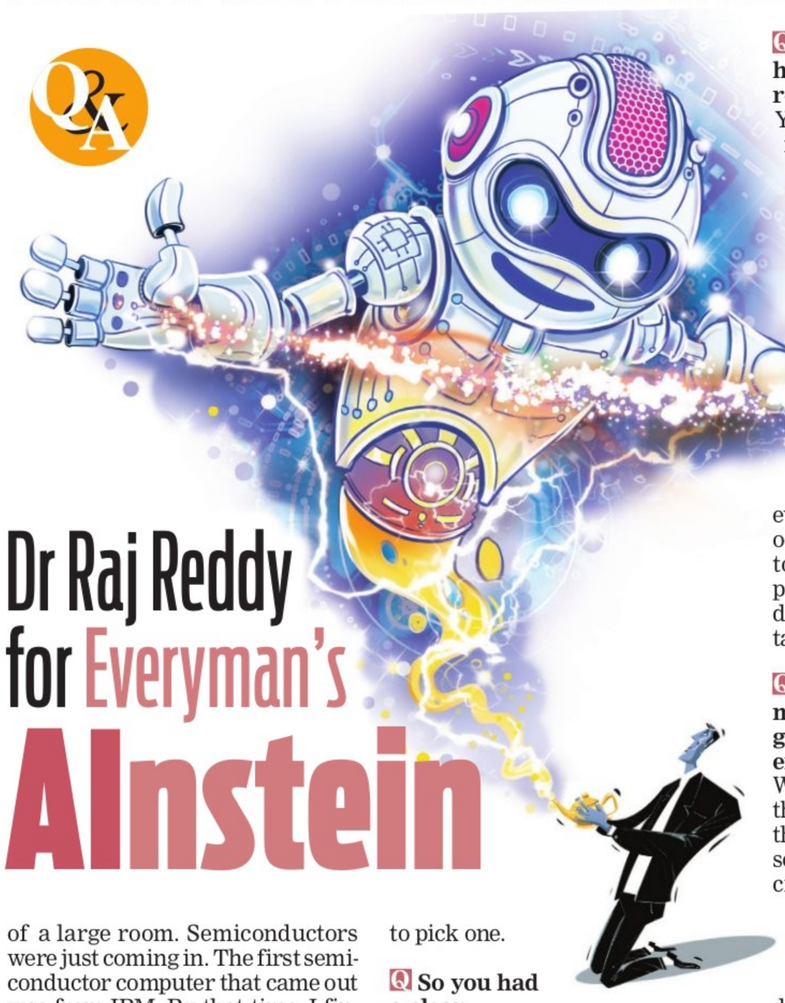
Many viral videos showing phones charging from potatoes are misleading, often relying on hidden wires or external power sources while using the potato only as a visual prop

Could it ever work?

In theory, it might be possible with hundreds or even thousands of potatoes connected in a complex circuit, but the effort, cost and inefficiency make it unrealistic

TURING AWARD WINNER DEBUNKS DOOMSDAY PREDICTIONS OVER AGI; ADVOCATES COMPLETE REHAUL OF EDUCATION SYSTEM FROM KINDERGARTEN

Dr Raj Reddy for Everyman's AInstein



FROM learning the alphabet on sand in a Telugu-medium school to becoming one of the pioneers of artificial intelligence, Dr Raj Reddy, in an exclusive interview with ***TNIE's*** **Kalyan Tholeti**, reflects on his journey, the early days of AI and outlines a future where every student could have an AI companion and education shifts from rote learning to "learning to learn."

Q You learnt to write the alphabet on sand and studied in Telugu medium till high school. Could you tell us when you were attracted to mathematics and how you managed the transition from Telugu medium to English when you went to Loyola College after high school?

I somehow naturally got attracted to mathematics, in particular geometry, theorems, and so on. When I solved a theorem or proved something, it gave me pleasure that I was able to solve it. More importantly, I was naturally curious. Whatever, any book or paper I could get my hands on, I would read it even though I didn't understand all of it. And so, by the time I graduated from Kalahasti High School, I was well-trained, I think, but in Telugu medium. Therefore, when I went to Loyola College, where it was all English medium, especially spoken by foreign lecturers, they would have their own accent. I didn't understand what they were saying. But the thing that saved me was they were teaching the syllabus in a textbook. And I could actually go read the textbook.

Q You studied civil engineering at the College of Engineering, Guindy and from there went to Australia for your master's in it. How did you get into computers?

I worked with Stan Hall. He had come back from a sabbatical from England where he was using computers. And as luck would have it, the university, at the same time, bought what is called an English-manufactured computer. English Electric Mark Deuce II. Deuce came from Ace. Ace was the original design that Turing did. The first day I saw him, he said, "I'm going to the computer centre. Come with me." He was writing a program to do structural analysis. I understood most of what he was doing. So he said, "Why don't you go and do this work and then bring back the result tomorrow?" I became his programmer for the year.

Q Was that the first time you saw a computer?

When I went on the first day, that was the first time I saw what you would call an electronic digital computer today. But it was the size of a large room. Semiconductors were just coming in. The first semiconductor computer that came out was from IBM. By that time, I finished my degree and went looking for a job. IBM hired me.

Q What was the reaction of your parents?

My parents were from a village. My father never went past school. My mother probably never went to school. But they were literate. They could read and write. In fact, I learned a lot from them. But they were kind of surprised even from earlier. When I was in Guindy Engineering College, I joined the air wing of the NCC. And there, you have to learn to fly planes. I was flying planes in 1956 and 57. Once I was on a solo flying mission. I detoured from my flight path to go visit my village. And then go from there to Tirupati, did Pradakshinam around the temple. My parents were amazed, I'm sure, at that time. But when I went back to see them, they didn't say a thing. They behaved as though they expected it from me.

Q What made you choose a PhD at Stanford because most of us look for a job?

I was reading papers about AI when I was working at IBM. And there were three places that were doing research in AI. One of them was Stanford. The other was MIT. And the third was Carnegie Mellon. MIT had Marvin Minsky. Carnegie Mellon had Newell and Simon. And Stanford had John McCarthy. I had to pick one.

Q So you had a clear idea about what you were going to study.

I didn't have a clear idea. I said, wouldn't this be wonderful if I could work on this problem of artificial intelligence? I didn't know what I needed to do or how I was going to get there. But I was reasonably confident I could work on the problem. It never occurred to me that I can't do something. That was the crucial thing, I think.

Q When did you start working on speech recognition?

I was taking courses with John McCarthy and others. And then suddenly one day, we had this brand new computer. This one came with an analog-to-digital converter. If you digitised it, what you got was 10,000 numbers. What do you do with these numbers? What McCarthy said was, you figure it out. Having grown up in an Indian system, I was indirectly aware of Sanskrit grammar and all the other things. So if two vowels came together in your speech, you have to insert a consonant. I didn't know at that time, but since then, you know, I learned there was a great linguist called Panini in Sanskrit, who specified all the rules.

Q Siri says this and we interact with it. I think the origins of it go back to your research?

Right. Absolutely.

Q From 1969 onwards, you have been involved in AI research at Carnegie Mellon.

Yeah. So basically, what is AI? Different people give it different definitions. In particular, some people say it's going to replace human beings. That was never the case. We never talked about that. We said, can a computer do things that human beings do? Why did we do that? We thought, even as early as 1965, the role of computers and AI is to enhance the mental capabilities of the humans. Whatever you do, if you want to cross the ocean, you build a boat. If you want to fly in the air, you build an airplane. Think of AI as a tool that does the same thing for your mental capabilities.

Q Some people think soon we may have AGI, super intelligence and all kinds of frightening scenarios.

What they call existential threats I think are complete nonsense. But there are things, like if I'm hiring somebody since I need a mathematician, in the future I may not need to hire one. Or I may hire one when I need 10. If you have Einstein in your pocket, every time you have a problem, you can just say, what do you do? I can't do that now, right? If I go to school, I'm one of 50 in the classroom, and I'm not going to be able to ask questions.

That is the biggest challenge we have today. We need to change the entire education system. If you are a child, you can ask, if my AI companion will do everything I need to do, why should I go to school? I can give you an answer, but before we do that, there is a serious issue. Namely, what is the role of education? What is the role of specific syllabuses we have? I think most of the existing syllabuses are completely useless in the future. The issue in the future is that a human should know how to learn anything they need to learn. That's what we call learning to learn. I won't learn what I need to learn unless I'm motivated to learn. So we have to change education right from kindergarten, all the way to PhD.

Q Recently, India hosted the AI Summit, Global AI Summit. What is your opinion on it?

I am happy we did it. It raised awareness of AI in India.

Q What is your advice to students?

My advice to students is get your parents to buy you a smartphone. Download Google Gemini app.

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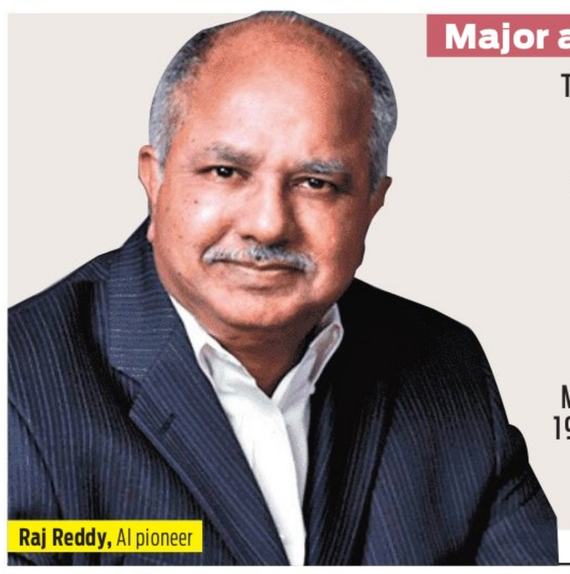

Raj Reddy, AI pioneer

Major awards

Turing Award (highest honour in computing), Legion of Honour (France, awarded by President François Mitterrand in 1984), Padma Bhushan (India)

Career path

1958: Graduated in civil engineering from College of Engineering, Guindy, India
1960: Pursued master's degree at University of New South Wales, Australia
1961: 1st exposure to computers (DEUCE), sparking interest in computing
1963: Joined Stanford AI Lab as its first PhD student under John McCarthy
1964: Developed early speech recognition system (vowel recogniser)
1966: Became one of the first PhDs in computer science from Stanford
1968: Built voice command system for robotic Stanford arm
1969: Joined Carnegie Mellon University (CMU)
1979: Founded Robotics Institute at CMU (first of its kind in US)
1980s: Mentored breakthroughs in speech recognition and machine learning
2008: Cofounded RGUKT in Andhra Pradesh for rural students

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DAY'S DIARY

Polio-free India

The World Health Organization (WHO) officially removed India from the list of polio-endemic countries, on this day in 2012

WHAT IS POLIO?

Poliomyelitis (polio) is a highly infectious viral disease that largely affects children under 5 years of age. The virus is transmitted person-to-person

ERADICATION MEASURES

In 1988, WHO adopted a resolution for the worldwide eradication of polio, marking the launch of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative

LAST CASE OF POLIO

The then Union Health and Family Welfare Minister, Ghulam Nabi Azad, announced that India has not had a case of polio since January 13, 2011

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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Walk through the history and features of the blooming pink flowers, which are making Bengaluru blush!

SPRINKLING HUES!

ANJALI RAM

EVERY year, just before summer sets in, parts of Bengaluru turn a soft shade of pink. Bushy clusters of blossoms spill over tree canopies, briefly transforming familiar streets into cotton-candy corridors. For many Bengalureans, this spectacle is a seasonal ritual – much-anticipated, photographed and cherished. But how did they arrive here and what makes them thrive in the Bengaluru climate? Here's a closer look at the history and characteristics of the pink blooms that help B'luru live up to its 'Garden City' tag.

Brookefield

THE BLOOM CALENDAR

- The neotropical tree grows up to 30m (98ft) and usually begins flowering roughly 6-8 years after being planted.
- The peak bloom occurs between February and early summer.
- Leaf drop period – just before flowering to create a cluster of pink flowers resembling cotton candy.

A GLOBAL TRAVELLER

- Introduced during the colonial era by British horticulturists and botanists, including John Cameron and Gustav Hermann Krumbiegel, in the late 19th century, as part of ornamental avenue planting to beautify cantonments, the species gradually spread across Indian cities. Over time, the city's mild weather and broad avenues made it an urban resident.
- "The tree is native to Central and South America, but it acclimatises very well to tropical and subtropical climates," says Akshay Heblikar, director of Eco-Watch.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

- The tree called the pink tabebuia belongs to the Bignoniaceae family, distinguished by its flared blooms.
- "Bignoniaceae has a characteristic feature of having this trumpet-shaped flower, which is why it's called a pink trumpet," says Rani, adding that the tropical condition matches the tree's native condition. What more? It is drought tolerant and thrives in well-drained soil – traits that suit the busy urban landscapes of Bengaluru.

SAME SAME, BUT DIFFERENT

Interestingly, Bengaluru is home to several lookalikes, with common sightings including:

- Pink-flowering tabebuia (in varied shades)
- Tabebuia argentea (yellow blooms)
- And the related Tecoma species. "Many times Tecoma is confused with the pink trumpet... they belong to the same family but are different plants," clarifies MSc Botany student Sunitha Rani J.

Nagarbhavi

LIVING A FULL LIFE

- **Typical lifespan:** Nearly 50 years (varies by conditions)
- Ecologist G Ravikanth notes the species was historically favoured because it grows quickly and needs limited upkeep. Nishanth, on the other hand, sums up its urban appeal, stating, "It is one of the beautiful fast-growing trees that can sustain heat."

BEYOND PRETTY

- "The bark and leaf extracts help treat fever and anaemia. It is rich in lapachol, which has anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties," Heblikar explains.
- Traditional references also mention its use for headaches, gastrointestinal issues and throat inflammation; however, Heblikar warns that any medicinal use should be guided by experts.

ECOLOGICAL WIN

- Explaining the visual strategy, Ravikanth says, "The complete tree goes into flowering – what we call mass flowering, to attract a large number of pollinators."
- At the same time, experts warn against overdependence. "It should not become a monoculture... more diversification should happen," opines Tree Doctor Vijay Nishanth.

Bengaluru's after-sundown iftar tables this month reflect a city united by shared traditions and togetherness

BETWEEN FLAVOUR & FAITH

ASLAM GAFOOR

(The writer is a Bengaluru-based hospitality professional, food lover, and travel enthusiast)

AS twilight settles over the Bengaluru sky, the scent of charcoal-grilled kebabs, slow-cooked haleem, and simmering nihari drifts through neighbourhoods such as Koramangala, Frazer Town and Shivaji Nagar. During the holy month of Ramadan, the city transforms into a vibrant culinary landscape where families gather to break their fast, streets stay alive well past midnight and restaurants present menus rooted in memory and generosity. From bustling street-side counters to refined dining rooms, the emphasis remains on community, comfort and shared celebration.

A key highlight this season is the Bengaluru debut of Daawat-e-Ramzan, a cultural and shopping exhibition founded by Anam Mirza and brought to the city after a successful run in Hyderabad by Subia Roshan and Shaista Roshan. Scheduled on February 27, 28 and March 1 at Gayatri Vihar, Palace Grounds, the exhibition introduces an overnight market concept that extends from iftar to Sehri. The venue will feature more than 150 stalls spanning festive fashion, home decor, perfumes, jewellery and essentials, alongside a lively food court with over 20 live counters. Participating names include Shahran, Pariwar Dhaba, Yaghma Kababs, Bombay Chapter 003 with Bohri favourites, Sultanate of Shawarma, Natuf, Feel Laban, Chichaba's Taj, Empire and Broast Khan. Immersive sound and visual elements enhance the ambience, while a special spiritual recording adds a contemplative note. A portion of the proceeds will support charitable causes. Entry tickets are priced at ₹100.

For those seeking a refined gathering at home, The Den Bengaluru has introduced iftar boxes available throughout the month. Priced from ₹2,499, each box begins with dates, fresh fruit and Rooh Afza, followed by paya shorba and small plates such as shish tawook and kafta kebab. The meal progresses to haleem, tenderloin Nihari, chicken kabsa, wraps and Khamiri naan, concluding with baklava, offering a thoughtfully balanced and complete spread.

Turkish flavours take centre stage at Öz by Kebapçı at UB City and at Kebapçı Koramangala. At Öz, the Heritage Iftar priced at ₹1,499 presents a 21-item set menu with a traditional spread, unlimited bread, refills on select dishes and Turkish tea, available in both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options. For an additional ₹699 per person, the Grand Bazaar Iftar introduces a rotating selection of royal Ottoman mains, including slow roasted lamb leg, Elbasan tava and patlıcanlı köfte dizme, expanding the Anatolian repertoire on offer.

At Kebapçı Koramangala, the format is relaxed and interactive. Guests select from Turkish mezzes, hot dishes, pastries and desserts in a self-pick style, with the plate weighed and billed accordingly. A fully redeemable cover charge of Rs 699 on weekdays and ₹799 on weekends applies. Traditional Turkish desserts are available at the counter, alongside favourites such as Adana kebap, Cihan kebap and mandi from the a la carte menu.

At Chichaba's Taj, Managing Partner Saad Anees highlights signatures such as malai paya, bun kebab, haleem, mutton marag and the much-loved galouti kabab, which may soon become a permanent feature. Other offerings include kheema pau, pathar gosht, Adana kebab, koobideh kebab and nalli. The restaurant remains open until 1am and is open to collaborative iftar tables. Traditional sherbets and ande ki mithai complete the feast.

Lucknowee brings Awadhi flavours to home dining with specially priced iftar meal boxes available across major delivery platforms. Choices include Murgh Makhanwala Biryani and Paneer Makhanwala Biryani meals served with gravy, parantha, raita, dessert and dates, with prices starting at ₹199.

Samosa Party marks the season with limited-edition Irani samosa buckets featuring onion patti, chicken keema and mutton haleem variants. Festive beverages such as Rooh Afza with strawberry popping boba accompany curated iftar combos paired with gajar halwa.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BEPUBLISHED EVERYWEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*.

1. Mythic Society was founded in 1909 with the initiative of FJ Richards, the then collector of Bangalore cantonment and a few other citizens in the city. The institution is housed in a heritage building known as 'Daly Memorial Hall', named after Sir Hugh Daly, who served as the resident of Mysore state. Name the road (earlier known as Cenotaph Road) on which the institution is located?

2. Indian Institute of World Culture was founded by the end of World War II in 1945 by Theosophist BP Wadia and his wife Sophia Wadia with the objective of uniting the citizens of all nations through cultural exchange programmes. The road on which the institution is located is named after its founder as 'BP Wadia Road' in one of the earliest extensions of the city. Name the extension.

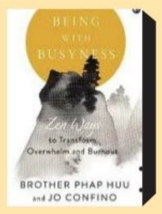
3. The Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs, founded by writer-journalist DV Gundappa, was started way back in 1915 as 'Mysore Social Service League' with the aim to spiritualise and educate the public on democratic citizenship. The institute was registered and renamed as the Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs in 1945. It was Mahatma Gandhi who inaugurated the institute in 1915. The institute is located on a prominent road in Basavanagudi named after a historic temple in the city. Name the road.

CITY READ

Women's Day to be celebrated with bikers' ride

Bhartiya Mall of Bengaluru, Thanisandra Main Road, in association with Free Spirits Motorcycling Club (FSMC), will be hosting the Women Bikers' Ride on March 7 from 5pm onwards. Part of the Women's Day campaign, TheSheImpact, the event aims to bring together women riders from across the city for a ride, followed by an evening of inspiring storytelling, live music and performances. Interactive games and activity zones will further add to the festive atmosphere. For more information, call 70038 90894.

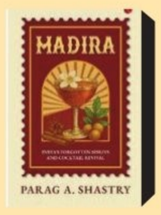
BOOK NOOK



Being with Busyness: Zen Ways to Transform Overwhelm and Burnout

By Brother Phap Huu and Jo Confino

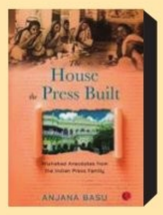
This book explores the modern diseases of overwhelm and burnout, and how the power of deep rest, mindfulness and compassion can help us when we run out of energy and inspiration.



Madira: India's Forgotten Spirits and Cocktail Revival

By Parag A Shastry

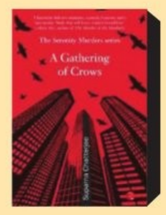
It is not just a cocktail book; it is a journey into India's forgotten and overlooked drinking heritage.



The House The Press Built: Allahabad Anecdotes from the Indian Press Family

By Anjana Basu

This is the story of Tagore's first publisher, Chintamoni Ghosh, who founded the Indian Press.



A Gathering of Crows: The Serenity Murders series

By Suparna Chatterjee

In a close-knit society with nosy neighbours, it is hard to keep a secret. And even harder to get away with murder. It takes a special kind of cunning to outsmart them all.

GREEN CANVAS

Artist Deepak Suresh showcases his work at his solo exhibition, 'Gleaming Colours', at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Seshadripuram | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

QUICKFIX

GARLIC BUTTER PASTA (ITALIAN-STYLE)

INGREDIENTS

- **Pasta:** 1 cup
- **Garlic:** 4 cloves (finely chopped)
- **Black pepper to taste**
- **Mixed herbs / oregano:** 0.5 tsp
- **Grated cheese (optional)**
- **Chilli flakes:** 0.5 tsp
- **Butter:** 2 tbsp

METHOD

- Boil pasta in salted water, drain, and set aside. Heat butter in a pan, add garlic, and sauté till fragrant.
- Add chilli flakes, herbs, salt and pepper. Add cooked pasta, toss well for 1-2 minutes. Top it off with cheese if desired.

Contributed by **Tara Mehta,** Delhi

NOWSTREAMING

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JUGNUMA: The Fable (Hindi)

Dev discovers mysteriously burnt trees in his sprawling estate of fruit orchards nestled in the Indian Himalayas. In spite of all efforts, more fires break out, leading him to see himself and his family for who they truly are.

Cast: Manoj Bajpayee, Tillotama Shome, Priyanka Bose

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

ANGAMMAL (Tamil)

Set in a rural Tamil Nadu village in the mid-1990s, a mother and son clash when he insists she wear a blouse with her sari. Newly returned from the city, he pushes urban norms, while her quiet refusal becomes an act of defiance, challenging deep-rooted ideas of class, caste, and bodily autonomy.

Cast: Geetha Kailasam,Saran Shakthi, Thendral Raghunathan

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

RENTAL FAMILY (English)

An American actor in Tokyo struggling to find purpose lands an unusual gig: working for a Japanese "rental family" agency, playing stand-in roles for strangers. He rediscovers purpose, belonging, and the beauty of human connection.

Cast: Brendan Fraser, Takehiro Hira, Mari Yamamoto

- **Watch on:** JioHotstar

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KETTLEBELLS VS DUMBBELLS: WHICH WEIGHT SHOULD YOU REALLY TRAIN WITH?

Choosing a cardio machine is usually straightforward. But when it comes to strength training, selecting the right equipment can be confusing. Two of the most popular free weights — kettlebells and dumbbells — often perform similar functions, yet their design and training impact differ significantly. Understanding these differences can help you choose what best suits your fitness goals.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

- **Kettlebells** have a rounded shape with the handle positioned above the centre of mass. This off-centre load challenges balance and coordination, making them ideal for dynamic, full-body movements.
- **Dumbbells** have evenly-distributed weight on both sides of a central handle, offering greater control and stability for isolated strength exercises.

Both tools trace their origins to ancient Greece, where athletes used stone weights called halteres for strength and performance training. Today, they remain staples in gyms worldwide.

BENEFITS OF TRAINING WITH DUMBBELLS

Dumbbells are versatile and beginner-friendly, making them suitable for all fitness levels.

- Allow unilateral training, helping correct muscle imbalances.
- Enable gradual progression with precise weight increments.
- Ideal for controlled movements targeting specific muscle groups.

Common dumbbell exercises include bicep curls, shoulder presses, chest presses, rows, lunges, and squats. Because of their stability, dumbbells are often preferred for building foundational strength and improving muscle symmetry.

BENEFITS OF TRAINING WITH KETTLEBELLS

Kettlebells excel in functional and explosive training.

- Promote full-body coordination and core engagement.
- Improve grip strength, balance and mobility.
- Combine strength and cardiovascular conditioning in a single workout.

Popular kettlebell movements include swings, goblet squats, Turkish get-ups, cleans, and windmills. These exercises emphasise power generation, posture and real-world movement patterns.

WHICH ONE SHOULD YOU CHOOSE?

The answer depends on your goals.

- Choose dumbbells if you are a beginner, recovering from injury, or focused on muscle isolation and strength progression.
- Choose kettlebells if you want to build functional strength, endurance, and movement efficiency.

Many fitness professionals recommend using both. Dumbbells build strength and control, while kettlebells enhance athleticism and coordination. Together, they offer a balanced approach to resistance training, proving that the best choice isn't one over the other, but knowing when to use each.

By Abhishek K, fitness expert, cult — a fitness and wellness platform

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Slam Dunk

Participate in a beginner-friendly 75-minute session combining cardio, strength training, and basketball fundamentals. Designed for working professionals and students, it offers a non-competitive, paced entry-point into sports.

WHEN: February 25, 6.45am
WHERE: MN Krishna Rao Park Basketball Court, Jayanagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Dark Humour

Enjoy a solo stand-up comedy show, *Negative* by Kishore Raghunathan. The set utilises dark observational humour and comedic subversion to explore transgressive topics. Rated 18+, the show is designed for mature audiences.

WHEN: February 25, 8.30pm
WHERE: TAG Comedy Club, Koramangala
CALL: 89715 83703

Cosmic Timepiece

Explore resin art at this workshop focussed on creating functional timepieces using resin casting. Participants work with 8-10 inch boards and hot air blowers to achieve galaxy-inspired effects in black, blue, and gold. The session covers medium preparation, layering techniques, and tool handling. All materials will be provided.

WHEN: February 25, 5pm
WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
DETAILS: artbeatclasses.com

Qawwali Night

Savour a live musical showcase featuring The Raagi Project, a contemporary Sufi ensemble known for modernising traditional Qawwali. Set against the Kyoto Love Blossom (Sakura-themed) décor, this performance combines high-energy devotional music with modern instrumentation. The evening pairs the immersive soundscape with a diverse menu of North Indian and Asian cuisine.

WHEN: February 28, 8pm
WHERE: Jollygunj, Galleria Mall, Yelahanka
CALL: 99802 09201

Game Night

Immerse yourself in a modern entertainment hub featuring a variety of competitive activities. The venue integrates in-person sports like bowling with digital experiences including virtual reality and interactive pixel-light displays. Also on offer are laser tag, tactical shooting simulations and more.

WHEN: February 25, 11am onwards
WHERE: The Grid - Gaming Arena, Kalyan Nagar
DETAILS: district.in

Beyond Borders

Watch a Kannada adaptation of Joseph Stein's *Fiddler on the Roof*, translated by Jayant Kaikini and directed by Huligappa Kattimani. Set in a coastal village during the Partition era, the play follows Bade Miyan, a bakery owner navigating family dynamics and the marriage of his daughters. The narrative explores themes of displacement, interfaith relationships and the evolving definition of home beyond official borders and citizenship papers.

WHEN: February 25, 7.30pm
WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
DETAILS: rangashankara.org

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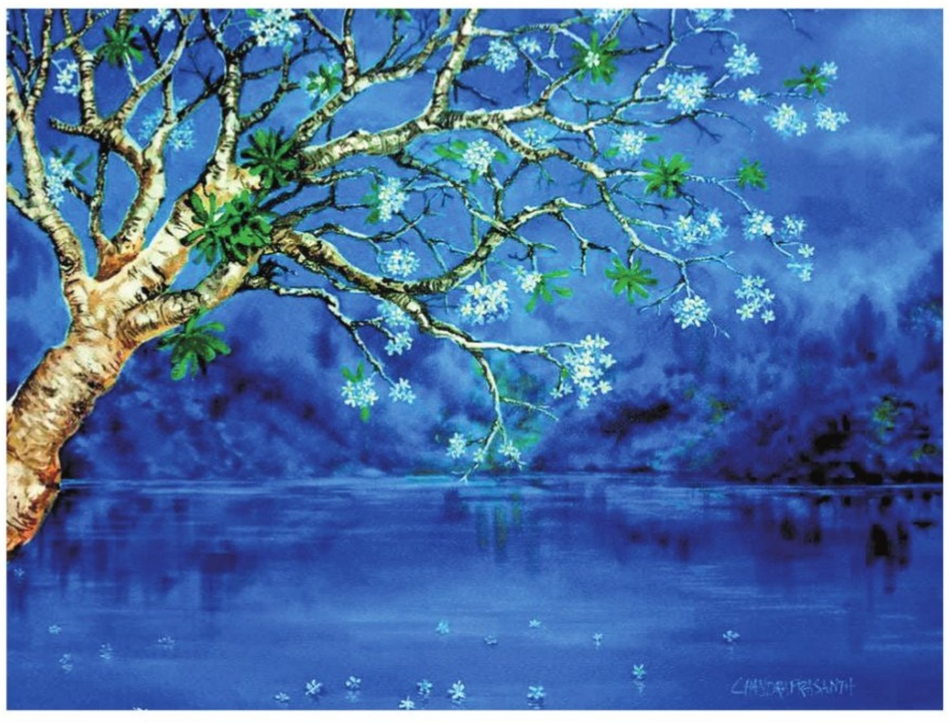

FRANGIPANI DREAMS

Artist Chandraprashant paints a frangipani tree in bloom, with a few of its flowers floating around in the lake below, reminding that nothing is permanent and nature constantly changes

WHERE'S THE 'LIT' IN LIT FESTS?

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN, ANJALI RAM

ON a breezy evening, the lawns of lit fests fill up fast – tote bags slung over shoulders, books in hand, crowds move between sessions. Packed auditoriums welcome celeb speakers, while in quieter corners, debut authors wait to be heard. The mood is lively, but a recent report in a leading international publication has cast a sharp light, questioning whether India's booming literary festival circuit signals a thriving reading culture or simply an appetite for spectacle. For Bengaluru,home to many big and small literary festivals, the debate feels close to home. We ask B'lureans if festivals are building readers or just drawing crowds.

SUHAS GOPAL, AUTHOR & PUBLISHER

India's reading culture is still developing

I don't think India is a strong reading nation yet. We're a storytelling nation, but reading culture is still developing. We like the idea of books, respect authors and attend festivals, but how many actually read consistently after school or college? That number remains small. I've attended literary festivals as a reader, publisher, and author. For many, it's more about the experience than the books – networking, selfies, celebrity sessions. However, festivals aren't useless; they create visibility and remind people that books exist. But if reading doesn't continue after the event, it becomes merely a cultural gathering, not a literary one. The biggest cultural shift will happen when reading is seen not as academic, but personal. India has never lacked stories; we just need to normalise sitting quietly with them.

JINSU SERA GEORGI, STUDENT

Lit fests can be cultural events too

I feel that most people (non-readers or occasional readers like myself) do see it as a cultural fest. For some, it's another avenue for recreation and that is alright. For me, it was about the vibe and famous faces I could meet; the most recent one I attended was the Bangalore Literature Festival and enjoyed the fun I had with my friends, most. At Vir Das and Shashi Tharoor's sessions, I was all ears. But I will be honest, none of it made me want to read more. Books and writers should ideally be at the core, but like everything else, this is also about revenue and the number of books sold, so I understand why celebs are drawn in.

THANVI MURALI, CHEF

Writers get sidelined

Literature festivals offer readers a welcoming space to explore and buy books, attend sessions and even get their copies signed. The make books more accessible, bringing together thousands of titles in different languages from across the country, which may not be easily available in local bookstores. Fests help a lot of writers with visibility, but they do get sidelined compared to big celebrities. I feel we need more sessions, not just with famous celebrities or even famous authors, but up and coming people.

AKSHAYA ASOK, SOFTWARE ENGINEER

There is space for both celebs and writers

It's hard to quantify ourselves as a nation of readers because being a reader depends on early habits. Many of us grew up on myths and fables – from *Pancha Thanthram* to *Vikram Vedal* – stories that entertained and sparked curiosity. I attend literary festivals to discover new writers. While celebrity sessions often draw bigger crowds, serious and upcoming writers also find an audience in smaller, more intimate sessions that allow meaningful interaction.

VIDYA VARADARAJAN, AUTHOR

Fests encourage reading

There is a reason why we call it a lit 'festival'. We celebrate reading. That celebration includes everyone in the sphere – publishers, authors, stores, librarians and readers young and old. We certainly love to celebrate our celebs too. If this draws crowds, brings profitability and inspires the next generation of readers, then where's the downside?

The purpose of lit fests is to inspire more reading. I don't think it's right to hold lit fests accountable for anything more than that. I don't agree that reading for pleasure is declining, the growing number of fests reflects that.

ROHIT VARMA, CO-FOUNDER OF 'NATURE INFOCUS'

Plagued by a lack uniqueness

India has too many lit festivals. They have become social events where people like to be seen. I do not think these festivals are encouraging people to read more. In fact, lit festivals have lost sight of that ethos. Reading is a serious hobby, but over a period of time this hobby has taken a beating. There is nothing wrong with the criticism of the publication. More than 100 festivals a year is just too many. These festivals lack uniqueness and this lack of evolution has deeply stunted the reading potential they could have otherwise created. Also, serious writers have their audiences and they actually do not depend on lit festivals for launches and visibility of their books. Lit festivals need serious writers to bring in consistent audiences.

NUGGETS

Memoir explores purpose-driven leadership

Sujit Paul, Group CEO of Zota Healthcare Ltd., unveiled his new book, *A Life of Building People, Brands and Belief*, at Sapna Book House, Koramangala. Drawing from 25 years of leadership at brands like Bata, Kodak, and Columbia Asia Hospital. The memoir serves as a blueprint for purpose-driven leadership, with Paul emphasising that success comes from prioritising empathy and people. The book offers an inspiring journey for entrepreneurs and corporate leaders looking to build value-based institutions. It is now available at leading bookstores and online.

University launches Kannada books on education

Azim Premji University hosted the release of two Kannada books on school education, *Shikshana Sangata* by Dr HB Chandrashekhar and *Jogulada Harake* by Prof. HN Muralidhar, on February 21 at the Wadia Auditorium, Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavanagudi. The programme was part of the Samskruti Sambhrama series which celebrates Karnataka's cultural heritage. *Shikshana Sangata* examines the responsibilities of schools beyond academics, including values and equity, while *Jogulada Harake* is a collection of essays that view education as a process of inner human development.

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I, **AFROZ**, Son of Umar, aged 40 years, Residing at No. A-103, Arvind Skyland Apartment, Jakkur Main Road, Nehru Nagar, Jakkur Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064, Karnataka, have changed my name to **AFROZ UMAR**, vide affidavit dated:24.02.2026 before Notary **Gangaraju B.N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, (1) SHARATH KUMAR R, s/o. Raju H, (2) RANJITHA RG, W/o. Sharath Kumar R, residing at # Anjanadri Nilaya, 11th Cross, 1st Stage, 80 feet Road, Mahalakshmi Nagara, Batawadi Tumkur-572103, have changed our son's name from **ARAV S GOWDA to HARAV S GOWDA** vide Affidavit dated 10-12-2025, sworn before Advocate & Notary K.P. Ramesh, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SMT. DEEPA ANNASAHEB PATIL, aged about 53 years (born on 29.04.1972), W/o Sri Annasaheb Shivangouda Patil, residing at No 31244, 24th Floor, Building No.3 Tower 1. Prestige Jindal City, Tumkur Road, Bangalore North, Bengaluru-560073, hereby declare that Channamma **ANNASAHEB PATIL and DEEPA ANNASAHEB PATIL**, Both the names belong to one and the same person i.e., myself only. And continue my name in future as **DEEPA ANNASAHEB PATIL** vide affidavit dated: 24.02.2026 before Advocate and Notary K.C. Shashikala, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, CERRA JYOSHNA Aged about 23 years, D/o Balakrishna Reddy, Residing at No. 2, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Gundappa Reddy Layout, Near Rajeev Dental College, CN Halli, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560 032, have changed my name from **JYOSHNA** to **CERRA JYOSHNA,** vide affidavit dated 24/2/2026 sworn to before K G Rajpal Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I,**KRISHNAMURTHY.K.N** S/o Narayanappa, aged about 56 years, residing at Residing at Kaggalahalli, Budigere Post, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District, Karnataka 562129, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Krishnamurthy.K.N S/o Narayanppa. M** to **Krishnamurthy.K.N S/o Narayanppa.** Hence forth, I would like to continue my name as **Krishnamurthy.K.N S/o Narayanppa.** in my all future documents. Vide affidavit dated **23.02.2026** sworn before **S.P.Gandhi, B.Com,LLB.** Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SATHISHA .M**, S/o. Late Muni Shetty, aged about 39 years, residing at No. 5, 1st Floor, 9th Cross, New Bank Colony, Chunchanagatta Main Road, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560062, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **DAKSHITH S** to **AGASTYA S**, vide affidavit dated 21.02.2026, sworn to before K. Gunde Gowda, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LAKSHMI.N** residing at No.46, Muneshwara layout, Bommanahalli. Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560068 hereby state that in my minor Son **NEERAJ's** Birth certificate his name is mentioned as **NEERAJ U** and in school records his name is mentioned as **NEERAJ U HONEY** instead of **NEERAJ.** Also my name in Aadhar Card it is mentioned as **LAKSHMI** instead of **LAKSHMI.N.** Names have been rectified as said above vide affidavit dated 18-02-2026 before Notary V. Nagarajan, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARJUNA JAYAKARA SHETTY** (Old Name) No.279, Jayarashmi, 10th Cross, Winnfield Garden, DR Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bengaluru- 560077 have changed my name to **ARJUNA JAYAKAR SHETTY** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 18/2/2026 Before Notary **Sivakumara.M.N** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GAYATHRI RAGHUNATH**, W/o P S Raghunath, age 60 years, R/o No. 45, 2nd Cross, Narayananagara 1st Block, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore-560 062 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GAYATHRI P** to **GAYATHRI RAGHUNATH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **GAYATHRI RAGHUNATH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 11-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.N. MADHU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CLARA JENNIFER PRAKASH,** W/o Sunil Brijesh Peter, aged 37 years, R/at #213, L G Lake Dew, 5th Main, 6th Cross, Blieshivale, Avalahalli Main Road, Bengaluru-560077 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CLARA JENNIFER** to **CLARA JENNIFER PRAKASH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **CLARA JENNIFER PRAKASH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 20th Feb. 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MEER HASSAN** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DINESH PURBEY,** R/a No.90B, Akashvani Layout, Dasarahalli, Kempapura, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024 have changed my daughter's name from **EASHIKA** to **EASHIKA DINESH PURBEY** vide affidavit dt. 20/02/2026 before Notary **L. Gopalakrishna,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHIVRAJ M**, S/o Munirajappa, aged about 43 years, No. 666, A, Devanahalli Road, Budigere, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District, Karnataka 562129, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHIVARAJ M S/o MUNIRAJA** to **SHIVRAJ M S/o MUNIRAJAPPA**, Vide affidavit dated **23.02.2026,** sworn to before **S.P. Gandhi**, B.Com., L.L.B., Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NISITH S/o. Albert Murthy, Resident of No. Flat No.C-218, S L V Green City Apartment, K N S College, Thirumanahalli, Yelahanka Satellite Town, Yelahanka Post, Bengaluru - 560064, have changed my name to **NASHEET** S/o. Albert murthy, Vide Affidavit Dated: 23.02.2026 before notary S. VIJAYAKUMAR, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JESTINA PHILIP** residing at Elimulil Kakkavayal Post, Arunagiri Colony, Purakkadi Kakka Vayal, Sultanbathery, Wayanad, Kerala-673122 hereby state that in my minor Son **AARON ABRAHAM PHILIP's** School record my name is mentioned as **JESTINA PRATHAB** instead of **JESTINA PHILIP.** Name have been rectified as said above vide affidavit dated 23-02-2026 before Notary Ganesh Gowda M.V., Bangalore

NOTIFICATION
I, **SHIVARAJ KUMAR.S,** S/o Shivaramaiah, aged about 40 years, R/at No.664, 2nd Cross, Near Mohan Theatre, Lakshman Nagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560 091, hereby declare that my fathers true & correct name is **SHIVARAMAIAH** but in my educational records his name is entered as **SHIVARAMU.** I hereby state that my father's name **SHIVARAMAIAH & SHIVARAMU** are one and the same names which belongs to my father itself only. Vide affidavit dated: **16-02-2026,** sworn before Notary T.V.Bhadravijaya, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Sri. Sushanth T,** S/o Sri. C. Thammannappa, aged about 44 years, residing at No. 52, MBT Road, Chickpete, Bengaluru-560002, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that, my correct name is **"Sushanth T"**, and that due to an inadvertent clerical error, my name has been incorrectly mentioned as **"Sushanth"** in my Passport; I intend to rectify my name in the Passport as **"Sushanth T"** vide affidavit before the Ld. Notary Public at Bengaluru on 19/02/2026 and vide this public notice, and henceforth I shall be known, called, and identified as **"Sushanth T"** for all official, legal, and personal purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NAVEEN KUMAR V S/O VEERABHA DRAIAH, (Aadhar No-6279 8587 2516), aged about 35 years, presently and permanent address, residing at NO 958, 4 TH B CROSS, BEHIND WIDIA, MUNESHWARA NAGARA, BAGALAGUNTE, NAGASANDRA POST, BENGALURU NORTH, BENGALURU 560073. have changed my name from **NAVEEN KUMAR V** to **BHUVAN** vide affidavit dated 20-02-2026. sworn to before Advocate and Notary Sri. RAJAMOHAN P (Reg. No. 12461) Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHSEENA,** D/o. Late Syed Khawaja Mohiaddin, W/o. Shabber Ahmed Junaidi, Resident of No. 11, Dr. Omer Shariff Road, Near Vijaya College, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004, Karnataka, have changed my name to **MOHSEENA JUNAIDI** vide affidavit dated: 24.02.2026 before notary R. BASAVARAJA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mrs. ASHA N., alias ASHA JAIRAM** aged about 69 years, D/o. Narayan K.G. & W/o Sri. S.B. JAIRAM residing at No. M.F. 6/1, 'F' Block, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560 096. I state that, my name is mentioned in Aadhar Card & PAN Card as **ASHA JAIRAM**, & in my PUC Mark's Sheet name is mentioned as **ASHA N,** Hereby declare that, **'Mrs. ASHA N., alias ASHA JAIRAM'** above said names are one and the same & it refers to me only, Vide Affidavit dated 13.02.2026, Sworn before Advocate and Notary G. Nanda Kumar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) TIPPU SULTAN, Residing at No: 177/51, Shazia Home, Budensab Palya, Near Masjid E Gousia, Bagalur, Bagalur Post, Bangalore-562149, have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) TIPPU SULTAN to (NEW NAME) SYED TIPPU SULTAN** Vide affidavit dated 23/02/2026 sworn bfore Notary Leela, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **CHANDRASHEKAR K** and **PRATAPAGIRI NAGA DIVYA** Residing at Flat No. 008, NR White Meadows, AECS Layout, Block A, Singasandra, Bangalore-560068 hereby state that in our minor daughter **KASIBHATLA AARADHYA**'s school record the Father's name is mentioned as **CHANDRASEKHAR K** instead of **CHANDRASHEKAR K**, Mother's Name is mentioned as **P N DIVYA** instead of **PRATAPAGIRI NAGA DIVYA** and daughter name is mentioned as **AARADHYA KASIBHATLA** instead of **KASIBHATLA AARADHYA**. Names have been rectified as said above vide affidavit dated 1-02-2026 before Notary V. Rangaraju, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAYAKARA SHETTY** (Old Name) No.279, Jayarashmi, 10th Cross, Winnfield Garden, DR Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bengaluru- 560077 have changed my name to **JAYAKARA GUDDEBETTU SHETTY** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 13/2/2026 Before Notary **Sivakumara.M.N** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAHANA R,** age 45 years, R/at No. 81, Sanas Gudu, 5th Main, Kithaganur, Virgonagar, Srinivas Nagar Layout, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560 049 do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **SANVI** to **AADRITHA ANVI,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **AADRITHA ANVI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. DAYANANDA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANTO SYLVIA,** R/o HIG 29, 3rd A Cross, Surya City Phase-1, KHB Chandapura, Anekal, Bengaluru-560 081 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ANTO SYLVIA ALBERT CHARLES** to **ANTO SYLVIA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ANTO SYLVIA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. NAGAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, (1) T. NARENDRA KUMAR, aged 48 years, S/o M. Thimmesh, and (2) K. J SHASHIKALA aged 46 years, D/o K. Jayappa, presently residing at #2744/1, Ground Floor, 17th A Cross, 6th Main, BSK 2nd Stage, Near BBMP ward office 165, Bengaluru-560070, have changed our minor child name from **Ajitha N to ANVI N** vide Affidavit dated 20-02-2026, sworn before Advocate & Notary S.N. Madhu, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANJANATHA A V,** S/o Late. Venkata Subbaiah, aged about 68 years, Residing at No. 877, Janani, 9th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Jnanabharathi BDA Layout, RV Niketan Post, Bangalore-560059.Have Changed my Name **MANJANATHA A V** to **MANJUNATHA A V** vide affidavit Dated:23.02.2026 before Notary Ravi, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **C.S DARSHAN** aged about 29 years S/o. Shivanna, R/o Chikkagandasi, Gandasi, Hasan, Karnataka, 573119, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DARSHANA C.S** to **C.S DARSHAN** vide Affidavit dated: 23.02.2026, sworn to before **B.M. CHANDRASHEKAR**, Advocate and Notary Public Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Srivalli,** wife of R. Sivasankar, aged about 56 years, residing at Sreenivasa, G-2, No. 36, 13th main road, between 15th and 16th cross, Bengaluru, Karnataka, That pursuant to my marriage, I have decided to change my name from **"Srivalli"** to **"S Srivalli"** by adding my husband's surname. vide affidavit dated 23/02/2026 sworn before Advocate and Notary Chandrushekaraiah, at Bangaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **SHREEDHAR KRISHNAPPA** (Father) **SANDHYA RAMAKRISHNAIAH** (Mother) resident of No 24, Sri Krishna, Vinayaka Layout, Magadi Main Road, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru-560079, have changed our Minor Son's name from **PREETHAM SATHYA SRIDHAR** (Old Name) to **PREETHAM SATHYA SHREEDHAR** (New name) vide affidavit dated: 24/2/2026 Before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I. Syed Javeed Ahmed S/o. Syed Siraj Ahmed, aged about 48 years R/at:No.880, 31st 'B' Cross, Tilak Nagar. Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 041, I declare that below mentioned my father's all names **Syed Siraj Ahmed @ Siraj Ahmed @ Siraj** represent my father's names only, vide affidavit dated 24/2/2026 sworn to before Prakasha C Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Pooja K., wife of Kiran Kumar D.P., aged about 31 years, residing at No. 16/1, 14th Cross, 2nd Main, Magadi Main Road, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Bengaluru : 560079, have changed my minor son's name from **Poorvik K.** to **Punarv Advait K,** vide affidavit dated 24/2/2026 sworn to before Devaraja E Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUKUMAR ANANDAPPA**, S/o. late Anandappa, residing at #14, 3rd Main, 10th Cross, Hoysala Nagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru East, Bengaluru 560016, declare that all the names **SUKUMAR ANANDAPPA, SUKUMAR** and **SUKUMAR.A** are one and the same person i.e., myself only, vide Affidavit dated: 23/02/2026 sworn before Notary **L.GOPALAKRISHNA,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ABHISH BYRESHAPPA,** S/o Shri Byreshappa C.S., Residing at No.10/4, 4th Cross, Pipe Line, Netaji Nagar, Mathikere, Bengaluru - 560 054. I have changed my name from **ABHISH B to ABHISH BYRESHAPPA** vide Affidavit Date: 23/2/2026 Sworn before Advocate & Notary **B. HANUMANTHARAYA**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAN SINGH GILUNDIA**, residing at No. 59/3, Flat No. 203, Sidhachal Residency, 7th Main Road, Thyagrajnagar, Bengaluru - 560050, do hereby solemnly affirm that I, on behalf of ourself, renounce, relinquish, and abandon the use of my minor daughter's former name **JESS GILUNDIA**, and she shall hereafter be known and called as **ARCHIE GILUNDIA** for all purposes. Affidavit sworn before Notary Lakshmaiah, Bengaluru - 560023. Reg. No. 20480

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RITU GOYAL, aged about 44 years, W/o Sanjay Goyal, R/at No.B1008, Media Heights, Bellandur Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560103 have changed my Daughter's name from **"NISHA" to "AADHYA GOYAL"**, vide affidavit dated 24/02/2026 sworn to before P.Nanjunda advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RASHMI SHETTY** (Old Name) No.279, Jayarashmi, 10th Cross, Winnfield Garden, DR Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bengaluru- 560077 have changed my name to **RASHMI JAYAKARA SHETTY** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 13/2/2026 Before Notary **Sivakumara.M.N** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **IRRENIOUS ROYAN,** S/o Rezorio Royan, age 48 years, R/at #25/A, 3rd Cross, Ramachandrappa Layout, Kariyanapalya, St. Thomas Town Post, Bengaluru-560 084 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **IRRENIOUS ROYAN ROYAN** to **IRRENIOUS ROYAN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **IRRENIOUS ROYAN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 24th Feb. 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MEER HASSAN** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHEETAL V JAIN**, W/o Ankit Nirmal Barola, aged 38 years, R/a Fateh Mohan, No.159, 3rd Floor, 12th Main, 4th Cross, Coffee Board Layout, Kempapura, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024 have changed my name to **SHEETAL JAIN**, vide affidavit dt. 20/02/2026before Notary **L.Gopalakrishna,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **M. S. THASWAR SHARIF, S/o. Shavar Shariff (old Name father: M.S. Sarvar Sharif) and Resident of No.5, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main, 5th Cross. Valmikinagar, Bengaluru 560026,** have changed my name to **TASAVAR SHAREEF** for all purposes affidavit dated 24/02/2026 sworn before advocate and notary R. Basavaraja, Bangalore

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I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DRAWN TO COP ROLES: DHANVEERRAH

The actor, along with producer Samruddhi Manjunath and debutant Raghukumar discuss their upcoming film, *Hayagrriva*, which comes with a mix of crime, mythology, and mass elements, ahead of its release this week

A SHARADHAA

For Dhanveerrah, the cinematic journey has been about striking a steady balance between mass appeal and experimentation. From his debut in *Bazaar* to projects like *By2Love, Kaiva* and *Vamana*, he has steadily built a space for himself as an actor willing to take risks while staying rooted in mainstream sensibilities. His upcoming film *Hayagrriva* marks the first time he is stepping into a police officer's role. Made under KVC Productions, the film is releasing on February 27, and stars Sanjana Anand, Gilli Nata and Suneel Rao, among others.

"I've always been drawn to cop roles, but I knew it needed a certain maturity. Usually, police characters are tied to murder mysteries, but this film offered something different. Director Raghukumar has brought a dual-shade story that blends suspense, mythology and commercial elements seamlessly," he says.

Rooted in mythology, *Hayagrriva* draws inspiration from the legendary avatar who slays demons and is reimagined in a contemporary world. The narrative revolves around a fictional medical mafia, a theme rarely explored on screen. Dhanveerrah notes that the novelty of the idea, coupled with a strong screenplay narration, is what convinced him to take it on. "There's no connection to my earlier films or genres. I didn't want a familiar emotional template. This felt different and pushed me to grow."

The role has also demanded a physical shift. "With every film I bulk up, but this one required a more mass-ready look, a bare-body presence and a six-pack physique. It's what the audience expects, and I'm delivering that," he shares.

Despite industry chatter and conversations about him benefiting from the popularity of Darshan, Dhanveerrah remains composed. "I have no expectations. I just want to stand by Darshan and Vijayalakshmi. My family knows how much I admire him. He has been my inspiration since I met him in 2006, when I was in class seven, and I'll always remain his fan. Beyond that, I'm here to act, not to make equations."

Away from *Hayagrriva*, he says he is being selective. "Filmmaking takes time, and many projects don't take off. I focus on doing the best with what comes my way." He also credits Darshan's fans for supporting him from the start and recalls how his father, who grew up watching Dr Rajkumar and Vishnuvardhan, felt proud seeing him in a police avatar.

Unlike the rush toward pan-India ambitions, Dhanveerrah remains clear about his priorities. His aim, he says, is simple: to make stories that connect with Kannada audiences first.

Dhanveerrah

Ashwini

Samruddhi Manjunath

A still from the film

Raghukumar

I AM A BIG FAN OF MALAYALAM CINEMA: SAMRUDDHI MANJUNATH

Producer Samruddhi Manjunath, a cinephile with political roots, explains his vision behind *Hayagrriva*. "My wife, Padma Manjunath, who is producing the film, is equally passionate about cinema. We watch films across languages and even have a theatre at home. This is the kind of film I enjoy, like a Malayalam film, layered and well-crafted. Dhanveerrah has done his best here compared to his earlier films, and I believe this is one of his strongest performances. He might even fill Darshan's place in acting. I shared inputs with him and the director on certain scenes, and he was open, even reworking parts of the first half based on feedback. I'm a big fan of Malayalam cinema; their films are top-notch, and many heroes here could rethink how they approach cinema." With over a decade of experience, Samruddhi stresses the need for new producers to keep the industry vibrant and avoid monopolies. "When one film succeeds, producers often rush into several projects. Our responsibility is to bring the right cast and crew together. For *Hayagrriva*, I've backed everything the film demanded. The rest is for the audience to decide.

HAYAGRRIVA BRINGS A UNIQUE MIX OF CRIME, MYTHOLOGY, AND MASS ELEMENTS: RAGHUKUMAR

Director Raghukumar OR, making his debut with this feature after a series of assistant director stints, including in serials and films like *Kotigobba 3*, shares how the story came together. "I started with a short film, The Bell, which gained international recognition. For *Hayagrriva*, I wrote a story during the COVID period, inspired by advanced medical concepts. It's a unique mix of crime, mythology, and mass elements, unlike anything we've seen. Crafting this dual-shade cop character took time. About 85 percent of the shooting was at night in Bengaluru to create the right tone." He points out that the inspector in *Hayagrriva* is far from the conventional cinematic cop. "He's more in mufti, like a normal person, yet has this dual personality. Cinematic freedom was crucial to portray that," Raghukumar adds.

Every filmmaker should always keep the L Board on: Rajendra Singh Babu

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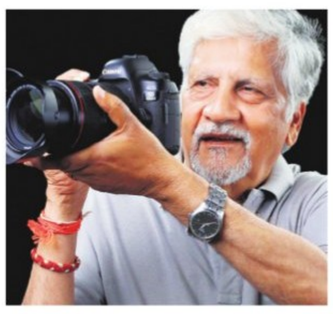

With five decades and nearly fifty films in various languages, veteran filmmaker Rajendra Singh Babu is back in the director's chair with *Veera Kambala*. This film is based on the centuries-old buffalo racing tradition of coastal Karnataka. Rajendra Singh Babu describes this project as both a return and a challenge that sparked his curiosity. The film is set to hit theatres on February 27.

"I have explored almost every genre, from adventure and political dramas to love stories and comedy. I've worked on war films like Mutthina Hara and adaptations of novels by great Kannada writers. The journey has been wide. *Veera Kambala* focuses on a tradition that is nearly 700 years old. As I read more about it, I found a wealth of material. It's not just a race; it's about culture, beliefs, and celebration," says the filmmaker.

His personal connection to the subject runs deep. His mother is from Udupi, and he remembers watching Kambala races during college. "The more I learned about it, the more ideas flowed. The buffalo has been a symbol for centuries. Even in mythology, it connects to Yama and Shiva. What started as an agricultural practice has evolved into a belief and a sport celebrated across generations," he explains.

The filmmaker highlights that Kambala is filled with emotion, pride, and social dynamics. "The Kona (buffalo) owners, the riders, the politics, and the devotion are all part of this ecosystem. The buffaloes receive treatment like elite athletes. In Tulunadu, it's a matter of prestige and sentiment, and I wanted the film to reflect all these layers," he says.

Recreating the races for the film was its biggest challenge. "You can't repeat a Kambala race, so we used fourteen cameras each time to capture the natural energy. It was tough, but authenticity mattered," he says.

When discussing how filmmaking has changed, Rajendra Singh Babu mentions that technology has evolved, but storytelling fundamentals have stayed the same. "I started with Mitchell cameras, transitioned to Arriflex, and now work digitally. Yet, human emotions don't change. Ramayana is still Ramayana, and Mahabharata is still Mahabharata. Those emotional truths remain constant," he says.

Casting was done with a focus on realism. "No mainstream star would realistically know how to run a Kambala race. You have to manage two buffaloes and sprint through mud. So, I cast real riders like Srinivas Gowda and included newcomers who understand the culture," he says, adding that Manikanth Kadri has composed the music for the film. Even with a career filled with national and state awards, Rajendra Singh Babu emphasises that recognition has never driven him. "I never chased awards. They just came to me. Six national awards, eighteen state awards, but what matters most is the appreciation from the people," he says.

Even after decades behind the camera, Rajendra Singh Babu says the most important lesson he carries forward is humility before the craft. "I am still a learner. Every filmmaker should always keep the L Board on, and that is what I tell every young filmmaker. You must bundle all your past films each time and begin again from scratch," he says.

At a time when few veterans are still directing, Babu remains one of the rare names still passionately telling stories. "Growing up in a film industry family, cinema is in my blood. As long as that passion exists in me, I will keep making films," he concludes.

NAMRATA JOSHI

CINEMA WITHOUT BORDERS

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Film: Traces

WARRIOR WOMEN

HILLARY Clinton had once called women "the primary victims of war". Alisa Kovalenko's feature documentary *Traces* (co-directed with Marysia Nikituik) looks at her assertion from an entirely opposite, empowering lens, spotlighting those who faced indescribable atrocities, survived and decided to tell their harrowing tales. As the film asserts, "to survive is to win," and so they are winners in their own right. In this case, it's a group of Ukrainian women who survived CRSV (conflict-related sexual violence) in the Russian war, united under the NGO, SEMA Ukraine, refused to be cowed down by it and didn't give in to stigma and the accompanying silence.

At the centre is Iryna Dovhan, who had herself been held captive during the war. The narration of the tortures she was subjected to opens and sets up the film, and it develops and progresses with her documentation of the testimonies of other women like her, affected by war crimes—Tetiana Vasylenko, Liudmyla Mefodiivna Mymrykova, Galyna Tyshchenko, Olha Cherniak and Nina—now trying to start life anew in the de-occupied Ukrainian territories. It's no surprise that the Poland-Ukraine co-production won the Panorama Audience Award in the recently concluded Berlinale. It's impossible to remain untouched by the testimonies unspooling on the screen—in the raw, unvarnished. The vivid dreams of the happiness of the past, whose memory hurts them in the present. The physical abuse, mental wounds and PTSD. How their bodies felt like shells filled with ice, and how fear felt like a cold slab of ice. All of the stories are extremely tough to even bear witness to, what to talk of those who were made to go through these ordeals. There are times when you can't help but hit the pause button, just to assimilate and process the extent of the horror. Like senior women talking of sexual assaults by soldiers old enough to be their sons or grandsons. Of rape becoming a weapon of mass destruction deployed by a nation, as though toxic masculinity itself wasn't enough.

How to frame the survivors in such searing cinema has always been up for debate. To reveal their identity or to keep it concealed. How not to overstep their personal space. How to let them have control of what they want to share and what they want to conceal. It helps that Kovalenko, having lived through the experience herself, hasn't just directed but also shot the film. Her camera follows the ladies, frames them with respect and dignity, aligns and becomes one with them, empathetic not intrusive, as their voice-overs fill in the details. The care and compassion reflect in the deliberate, tentative pace of the film achieved through the measured editing by Nikon Romanchenko, Milenia Fiedler and Kovalenko and the gentle, almost unobtrusive original score by Wojciech Frycz. Here's a film that is not in a rush to go anywhere but stay with its protagonists, not push anything down the viewers' throat but to make them witness a harsh reality, not to pander to sentimentality but to appeal to their essential humanity.

"Nerves of steel were wired to a soft heart," is a phrase often quoted from the book *The War on Women* by British journalist Sue Lloyd-Roberts. Despite the violence and turmoil of their lives, the warrior or women in *Traces* have an admirable and inspiring sense of centredness, care, courage, commitment and compassion. Their collectivism is like a metaphor for the rightful and righteous resistance and fight for truth and justice.

BALAJI MANOHAR UNVEILED AS BHEERA IN *TOXIC: A FAIRY TALE FOR GROWN-UPS*

CE FEATURES

AS *Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups*, starring Yash, prepares for its release, the makers continue to unveil key characters from the film. Following the introductions of roles played by Akshay Oberoi and Sudev Nair, the team has now revealed Balaji Manohar as Bheera. The character poster offers a brief look at his presence in the narrative.

Directed by Geetu Mohandas, the film also features Nayanthara, Kiara Advani, and Huma Qureshi. On the technical side, Ravi Basrur and Rajeev Ravi are part of the crew, shaping the film's sound and visual canvas.

Lily Collins to play Audrey Hepburn

EMILY in Paris-fame Lily Collins will play Audrey Hepburn in an upcoming film about the making of the late actor's classic *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (1961). The film is based on Sam Wasson's non-fiction book *Fifth Avenue, 5 AM: Audrey Hepburn, Breakfast at Tiffany's and the Dawn of the Modern Woman*. The upcoming film is written by Alena Smith, she also created the series, *Dickinson*. The makers are yet to onboard a director for the upcoming film.

Audrey Hepburn is renowned for her extensive career across film, television and the stage. She is best known for films like *Roman Holiday* (1953), *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (1961), *Sabrina* (1954), and *My Fair Lady (1964), Charade* (1963), *Funny Face* (1957), and *Wait Until Dark* (1967).